



# CHATTER

Serving the 12 Lodges of Section One of the  
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The year 1978 is the fifth anniversary of the founding of our Section. For this half decade, SE-1 has strived to add that little "something extra" to the programs of the twelve lodges. In this, it has succeeded, and all the lodges, from Amangamek-Wipit to Tutelo are better for it.

Way back in the dim ages, in the year 1972 B.C. (before Carter), it was decided that the old Area III-C was to go. The Scouting movement in general had reorganized its area structures and the Order of the Arrow would follow suit. Therefore, 58 Sections, divided among six regions were created. Our Area III-C became known as Southeast Region, Section One. The purpose of the Section was to act as a unifying force between the lodges and to assist in the lodges' programs. The Area III-C chief at the time of the change was Tom Webb and he worked with all the III-C chiefs to effect a smooth change.

Many worried that the four new lodges that were to join SE-1 would take a long time to get used to their new Section partners. Such was not the case, however, because everyone got together early and began to work toward putting our Section in its number one spot.



## FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The first chief to serve his entire term of office as SE-1 leader was Bob Ashely. He was elected at our Section's first Conclave, held in 1973 by Shenshawpotoo Lodge. After that, it was nothing but success after success for SE-1 as we drove on toward our fifth anniversary.

The fifth Conclave held by SE-1 was the weekend of April 21, 22, 23 1978. Hosted by Kecoughtan Lodge, it featured the Conclave usuals with many extras thrown in. Here, our seventh Section Chief, Michael Wagner was elected.

So much for the past, now what of the future? SE-1's future is bright. Next year, our oldest lodge, Nawakwa will host the sixth annual SE-1 Conclave. It will be held at Fort A.P. Hill and promises to be one of the best Conclaves ever. An added point of interest is that this Conclave will be the main celebration in Nawakwa's own 60th anniversary year.

After that, who knows? Tomorrows leaders will have to decide that question, and we must wait for the answer. But I feel we can be sure of one thing: on the tenth, twenty-fifth, even one hundredth anniversary of Southeast Section One, we'll still be going strong.

# Chiefly Speaking



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My Brothers,

Now that summer has slowly faded, step back and ask yourself-- did I go to summer camp this year? Did I encourage other Scouts to promote camping at all this summer. Did I encourage other Scouts to live up to the Scout Oath and law by giving them an example? If you can truthfully answer most of these questions with a "YES", then you have done your part of the order of the Arrow purposes.

I trust that each of you is participating in your lodge program as an active member. Now that you have become a member of our order, you cannot sit back and relax. It is never more important that you prove to those who elected you for membership by getting involved in the programs of your home unit and your lodge. I would like to remind you that what you do this year will influence those scouts who will become tomorrows Scout leaders in your position.

The National Conference is just around the corner, and I hope everyone is making plans to be in attendance. It will be more expensive than the last because of its location in Denver, Colorado. I wish that everyone would begin to lay their funds aside in preparation for one of the most fulfilling opportunities the Order has to offer. If you have attended one before, then you know this one will be even more interesting. It is hard to say what the most exciting part is, the people, the shows, the training, or just the general fellowship. With the 100% participation we had at the last one, I'm sure we can do it again!

Forever in service,

*Michael Vargas*

On the weekend of November 17-19, Blue Heron Lodge will host the 1978 SE-1 Indian Seminar.

The Indian Seminar is a function virtually unique to our Section. Included in the weekend's activities are training sessions on Indian Lore and the O/A's Indian Heritage, as well as ceremonies and costumes. The emphasis is placed on realism in these sessions and the instructors really know their stuff.

In addition to the training classes, there will be a lodge competition in ceremonies and dance. Two categories, solo and team will be included. The competition is always tough, but if you are a member of your lodge dance or ceremonial teams, or if you just want to try your luck against the good ones, we urge you to enter the contest.

Saturday there will be held a newsletter workshop put on by the Section Newsletter Advisory Committee. This session will go into the techniques of newsletter editing as well as producing a real newsletter for the Indian Seminar. This program is a must for all lodge newsletter editors, and also anyone who is interested in lodge newsletter operations.

Due to the early date of the Council of Chiefs meeting this Fall, there will be no meeting at the Seminar, as is customary.

A show to be put on by Blue Heron will close the Seminar. Don't let the opportunity this Seminar offers pass you by. Talk to your Lodge Chief today. See y'all there!

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## Council of Chiefs

The Conclave report will be given by Doug Detrick of Nawakwa Lodge. Doug was appointed Conclave Coordinator in April, 1977 and has been working steadily since.

The Section Staff and Officers would like to welcome all the lodge delegates to the meeting today and wish them good luck in deciding the important questions to be posed.

Welcome to the Fall 1978 Council of Chiefs meeting.

Today the twelve lodges of SE-1 will get together to discuss the topics and business which concerns us as Section Leaders.

Many questions will be answered and many problems solved here today. The main points of interest are the 1978 Indian Seminar, National Leadership Seminar, and the 1979 SE-1 Conclave.

# Sparks

By JAY DUNBAR

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The arrow is the chief token of our Order, and to a candidate who has worked all day, there is no finer reward than the coolness of a red and white sash being drawn over his shoulder in the candlelight. Some candidates regard it as a hardship not to be able to wear their sash at non-O/A functions, but this rule teaches that the mark of an arrowman is the course of the Arrow in his life, not the static image on his chest. The Arrow is not just an insignia. The outward signs, the sashes and patches, the colors and embroidery are meaningless unless they are worn also within. The Arrow is a symbol, with the fire and Kitchkinet, it is one of our three central symbols.

The fullness and meaning involved in any of these symbols can only be suggested, for it is worked out in daily life. The pre-Ordeal identification of the arrow with straightness, faith, courage and truth is a simple personification of an Arrow and its flight. In the Ordeal ceremony, the Arrow is described as a token of leadership, and most of us think of it this way. But there is a progressive, symbolic development in the ceremonies which doesn't end until all the symbols have combined to create a complete reflection of the individual.

In the pre-Ordeal, Meteu often draws a single Arrow from a quiver of other Arrows, representing the election of the candidate by his fellows, and pre-figuring the hailing sign: the separation of the candidate for something higher. The shooting of that Arrow is a vision to the Candidate of his own potential and of the inspirational effect of a life lived in accordance with high ideals. To the Scouts in his unit, the Arrowman serves much as did the pre-Ordeal Arrow, as a vision of a way of true happiness and success in life, and of his fellows own equal capacity to pursue it. May the quiver be emptied.

The Arrow is primarily a representation of the candidate or member himself, and what he looks like in the exercise of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. As his active devotion to these principles grows, he becomes more and more to resemble the Arrow. He is recognized as an Arrowman even without the insignia!

# THE TYPXWRITXR

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old model, it works quitx wxll, xcxpt for onx of thx kxys. It is trxe that thxrx arx righty-onx kxys that function wxll enough, but just onx kxy's not working can make the diffxrmcx. Many timxs it sxxmxs to mx, a lodgx is likx a typxwritxr.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll I am only onx pxrson, I don't makx any diffxmcx." But you do makx a diffxrmcx, becausx any organization, in ordx to kxxp growing and fucntion propxrlly, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy mxmbxr.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdx, rxmxxbxx my typwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I an a kxy pxrson in this Ordxx of thx Arrow, and I am nxxdxd vxry, vxry much.

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The first bi-annual National Leadership Seminar is to be held the week-end of the Indiana Seminr at Little Creek Amphibious base.

Delegates from Sections SE-1 and III-A will meet for a weekend of discussions concerning the Order. Each lodge may send seven delegates to be broken down as follows: the "Key Three" or Lodge Chief, Lay Advisor, and Staff Advisor, plus two, plus two, or a total of four lodge members to be selected by the Chief. These should be Arrowmen who show promise of becoming leaders in the future.

The program will be great. Special appearances by the National Chief, National Vice Chief, And National Executive Secretary will highlight the weekend. After this the main focus of the weekend will be on training as Arrowmen from all over the Section and Region impart their knowledge upon the delegates.

The fee for this function will be about \$25.00. See your Lodge Chief for details.

# OA CAMPING

Recently I have been reminded of two activities which seem tailor made for each other-- camping and photography. What better way to preserve the memories of a fantastic trek into the wilderness than with pictures? Pictures, especially color, hold an exact image far longer than do our memories, and are a continual source of pleasure. The other side of this is that pictures graphically depict scenes that cannot be described in any other way. In this way pictures can be used to show others what to expect in the out-of-doors. Hence they become a tool for the promoting of camping in your unit.

A yearly phenomenon in my troop was the showing of the slides taken by the troop members on the previous years Philmont trip. The sheer majesty and beauty of these pictures did more to encourage boys to go to Philmont than any amount of verbage. The Camp Brady Saunders slide show is designed to serve much the same purpose. But, it doesn't have to stop here. Pictures of Troop camping trips can have a great impact on new Scouts, encouraging them to become active campers themselves.

Now that I've whetted all you closet shutter bugs appetites, you ask how do you go about creating your photographic masterpieces. Unfortunately I can't tell you what to do; photography is not an exact science. All I can do is offer some guidelines, well spiced with my own prejudices. The overriding criterion to strive for is visual impact-- make the picture tell something, make it

tell a story. Generally if it looks good in the viewfinder, it will look fine as a finished slide or print.

I have a personal preference for slides. They are easy to handle, store, and project. It is much easier for a group to view a slide projected on a screen than for them to individually look at a print. Slide shows are easy to produce, and will remain significant for some time with only minor alteration. But this is only my preference, you may wish to go another route.

Before you go dragging out your expensive 35mm Nikon to camp, I ask you to consider two things--conditions and weight. The weight factor is especially important on backpacking excursions where every ounce counts. However the condition factor is always important. Cameras do not like rain mud, sand, or dust to name a few. All of these are usually associated with camping.

Two more pieces of advice: Always have your camera ready, as you never know when the next great shot will come along. You don't want to miss it while fumbling for your camera. Secondly, take more than one shot of each scene. This gives you a fairly good guarantee that at least one will turn out well.

We were all elected into the Order of the Arrow to promote camping within and without our units. A slide show is one of the best ways to do this, and will get the point across quickly. Until next time, keep on trekking (and clicking).

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