



CONCLAVE 2010 - SECTION SR-7B FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FATHERS

From the Section Chief

Brothers,

This month's newsletter highlights the various aspects of Indian Affairs activities that go on in our Section. I would encourage you to help preserve the traditions of our Order by becoming a dancer or ceremonialist and to look to the Section as a resource for your IA activities. Conclave will have an entire Indian Village that will be full of classes, craftsmen and competitions for you to take part in. Good luck in your IA endeavors this year and I'll see you at Camp Boddie for Conclave in April!

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Camp Bonner Name Change

Effective January 1, 2010 Bonner Scout Reservation will undergo a name change. The Pamlico River divides Bonner Scout Reservation. The property on the south side of the river that we currently know as Camp Bonner will become Camp Boddie. The name change honors the Boddie family whose recent financial contribution funded many of the camp's renovations. Camp Boddie along with the Pamlico Sea Base will comprise the new East Carolina Scout Reservation. The property on the north side of the Pamlico River that includes the camporee site, the Bonner Farm, and Camp Hannah Bonner will remain Bonner Scout Reservation.



Conclave Webstore Now Online!

The best way to remember Conclave is through memorabilia! Our section has a variety of patches, t-shirts and other items available made specifically for this event. Also available this year is a special 100th anniversary patch and t-shirt. Now you can purchase these items in the comfort of your own house! Just log on-line to the [Section Web Store](#) and stock up on all of your Conclave items.



Conclave Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies Competition Changes

This year's Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Competition will feature a different structure aimed at providing ceremonialists throughout the Section with the appropriate level of competition and feedback for them. There will be two divisions: the Competition Division and the Evaluation Division. The Competition Division will allow teams to simply compete against each other with limited feedback. The Evaluation Division, on the other hand, will offer critiques and feedback from an experienced panel of judges. This division is designed for more novice ceremonialists who are looking for reliable feedback as they continue to build ceremony team. With the implementation of this new structures, lodges should be able to help new teams develop into strong, healthy teams that will last and experience success for years to come.

Also new this year is the inclusion of the registration forms for all ceremonies competitions online. Contingent leaders will be able to register the team without having to mail in paperwork.

Growing Indian Affairs in the Lodge

This year's Council of Chiefs featured a roundtable of Section and Lodge IA representatives to discuss ways to improve Indian Affairs throughout the section. The roundtable was called the Mawemin. A consensus was reached that the two biggest hurdles to overcome when creating successful IA programs was creating excitement about the program and making sure Chapters receive the resources that the need to be successful.

A successful IA program all starts with a good IA representative. If you recruit an arrowmen who is excited to be there, excited about the program and excited about helping the Lodge and Chapters succeed his enthusiasm for the program will rub off on others.

The next step in the process, is to capitalize on that excitement and enthusiasm by making sure the Chapters and interested individuals have the tools and resources they need to succeed. When someone expresses interest in creating a ceremony team, starting to dance or creating a drum team, reply simply with "how can I help?" This simple question will set a positive tone for the rest of the arrowman's experience. Be sure to follow through on that commitment by reaching out to other members of your lodge or to those in the section to make sure your teams and dancers have help to build their outfits, make that bustle or learn that song.

If you're not currently involved in Indian Affairs in your Lodge and would like to be, ask your lodge chief how you can join. Remember, it all starts with the Power of



One. Start working on that ceremony part or dance outfit now and you'll be ready to show off your new skill at Conclave in April!

Why I Am a Ceremonialist

When I was a Webelos, I saw a guy, wearing horns on his head, and I determined that it was awesome. So when I got into the OA and one of my leaders wanted me to be on a ceremonies team, I couldn't wait. Back then I wanted to be a ceremonialist because it looked cool. And though that's still true, I have found that ceremonies play a much larger role in our order than just being cool. Though I haven't been around long, my experience in ceremonies has shown me one thing. Good ceremonies make good chapters, and good chapters make good lodges. Having been a part of the system for about six years, I know the value of ceremonies better than some.

Organizing summer camp tap out ceremonies has taught me the importance of ceremonies as a first impression. I have also seen how preparing boys to be in these ceremonies develops them as young men, and how it develops them as Arrowmen. So why am I a ceremonialist? I am a ceremonialist because I see what positive influence it has on all facets of this Order. Ceremonies are great for showcasing the Order's beliefs and values to the public. Ceremonies take inquisitive youths, and gives them a way to get involved. Being a ceremonialist makes me feel like I have given something back to an organization that has given me so much.

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