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On the track of Conclave '98

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Evening Edition

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IRONMAN

by Philip Hoffmaster

If you ever ran a mile, then paddled across the lake, and, after that, you swam four laps in a 40x80 foot pool, then you know how this weekend's Ironman competitors felt.

In the youth competition we had five contestants, **Ryan Boop** and **Dave Barris** of Lodge 343, **Justin Quay** of Lodge 22, and **Dave W. Craft** and **Nick Huck** of Lodge 5. The adult Ironman race had only one participant, **Dave G. Craft** of Lodge 5.

Four youths beat the three elements; earth, water, and fire (the heat) to complete the race. **Ryan Boop**, our Section Chief, went down the wrong trail while running and was forced to withdraw from the competition.

The winner of the Ironman will be announced at the section meeting after church tomorrow morning.



Lodge 18's ceremonies team stands ready to compete

OA Jeopardy

by Shawn Udrea

Difficult OA questions abounded at the OA Jeopardy match this afternoon. Although each lodge demonstrated a plethora of knowledge about the Order's customs, traditions, and history, only one could win. Lodge 191 was the winner with an impressive score of 4800. They will be recognized tomorrow at the section meeting.

Volleyball

Down at volleyball today, there was some tough competition. The scores are as follows:

Match	Scores
5	21
191	2
22	15 15
39	7 3
5	21
343	13
22	15 8 15
5	10 15 13

The grand winner, Octoraro Lodge 22, will be recognized tomorrow at the section meeting after church.



Octoraro 22 is this year's volleyball competition winner. Way to go!

Ceremonies

by Derek Semsick

The ceremonies competition held this afternoon was truly a memorable experience. Although the judges will inevitably choose the best team, I believe that everyone did an excellent job and are all winners. The contestants performed the pre-Ordeal ceremony and acted their parts flawlessly.

It was wonderful to see each lodge's beautifully crafted regalia, and Lodge 18's regalia especially stood out among the others as being exceptionally awe-inspiring. Be sure to be at the section meeting after church, where the winners will be announced.

Saturday night Schedule

7:00p	Catholic Mass	Chapel
7:30p	Team Dance Competition	Indian Village
9:00p	Theme Show	Campfire Circle
10:00p	Fellowship Feast	Dining hall
10:30p	Patch Auction	Dining Hall
12:00p	Taps	

Hard Work Pays Off

by **Jonathan Trump**

After months of waiting, Conclave '98 is finally here at Hawk Mountain. Here at Kittatinny, we have been preparing for months. Committees had to be organized, chairmen and officers had to be briefed, and the camp had to be prepared. Long nights were spent organizing on the phone and typing on computers. But, finally, our work is finished and Conclave is here.

Every staff member here had an important job to do. Everyone here this weekend should personally thank **Bill**

Zierle, our conclave adviser, and **Jack Snyder**, the conclave chairman, for the great job they did organizing this weekend. A big thanks should also go out to all chairman for the great jobs they did, and to the hard-working brothers of their committees. Many brothers gave up their Memorial day weekend in order to complete the dance corral at the Indian village. From my perspective as chairman of the

Publications Committee, my committee and I were responsible for creating the booklets and participation award sheets you received yesterday and for getting these newsletters out on your meal tables. Our committee labored intensively in front of a computer in Randy Rowe lodge to get this issue to you. From what we did, I can only imagine that each other committee had to work either as hard or harder, and they are certainly to be commended for their efforts.

A big thanks also goes out to all the delegates. You are what makes this weekend what it is. Without your participation, this weekend would not have been possible. I hope you have a great weekend, and I'll see you next year!

From the Section vice Chief

My friends,

I hope that you enjoyed and absorbed this morning's training sessions. I had an opportunity to walk around and visit all of the sessions. I heard a few very intriguing quotes that are noteworthy. Some are funny... and others are worth remembering.

#191- "Everyone wonders how I know everyone's name."

#39- "That's a good taste."

#343 (with help of #5)- "Teach philanthropy to younger people."

#5- "What's your attitude toward a 25-year Ordeal member?"

#18- "Otherwise, we have our heads up our..."

#22- "When publishing any information on the Internet, be sure that it meets the purposes of the Order."

Great job to all of the trainers! I am sure that your efforts benefited all!

Yours in service,
Sam Kieffer



Patch traders gather on the dining hall porch.



Training Opportunities Abound

Scouting on the Internet

Octoraro Lodge put on an informative and interesting session about Scouting on the Internet. With the Internet becoming a major influence in our society, it is important for a lodge to keep its members informed by using the web.

According to **Andrew Smith**, the session instructor, a lodge web site can be set up easily with little or no cost by using undergraduates and other volunteers. It was suggested that lodge minutes, e-mail directories, and officers' pages be included in the lodge's web site. Camping promotions can also be included over the Internet. However, the Internet does not replace a good camping program.

Innovative Cooking

by **Andrew Hoffmaster**

Do you like to cook? If so, then you would have enjoyed the "Back to the Woods Cooking" training session presented by **Bill Heagy** (pictured to the right).

The area, run by the Wunita Gokhos lodge, showed some easy and innovative ways to pack and cook a good meal for a camping trip. They used such common household items as an empty can of nuts to make a reflector oven for roasting chicken. They also showed how to cook a sweet potato in aluminum foil, make pineapples, cherries, and Spam into kabobs, and using sodas such as Sprite and Coke in cakes. I hope that Wunita Gokhos' unique ideas can help you in the future.



The object of desire: the Conclave patch and pin!

Ceremonies

by **Bill Knappenberger**

Wyona Lodge presented a training session focusing on the improvement of the lodge's ceremonies team. I had the privilege of attending this session, and I learned some of the ways the ceremonies can be made more efficient and significant.

From my perspective as Kittatinny Lodge's ceremonies chairman, I learned a lot from the session. A good relationship between the chairman and adviser is essential. The elimination of cliques also introduces new brothers to participation as part of the ceremonies team. Native American music (i.e., drumming and singing) between ceremonies adds a distinctive Native American flavor. Furthermore, for the ceremonies team to be more effective, it is essential for the principles to become their respective characters.

Once again, I would like to thank **Dave Elmon** and **Robby Dan** for their insight on enriching the ceremonies experience. It was a great presentation!

Keeping Members Active

by **Derek Semsick**

I attended both lodge rededication of the Ordeal by Lowwapanew Lodge 191 and Brotherhood Conversion by Kittatinny Lodge 5. I felt privileged to exchange ideas with members of other lodges. The most important thing I learned at both sessions was that candidates need to feel welcome. Another good idea for Ordeal members is to get them involved with the lodge immediately. The best way to get members active is to make them part of a committee. I found that the best time for the conversion from Ordeal to Brotherhood is in their first year. These concepts are very important to keep membership in the Order of the Arrow alive and flourishing.

Kittatinny Lodge 5 Chief **Chuck Sacavage** poses with a statue of Uncas, the legendary Lenape hero. The statue was given to **Dana Williams** as a gift by an anonymous donor and thus passed on to the lodge. It was a great honor for the lodge because the statue is of a rare limited edition.

