



Smoke Signals



On the track of Conclave '98

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Saturday Morning Edition

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The Great Spirit

Welcomes You to HMSR!

Welcome to Conclave '98! We hope you enjoyed last night's thunderstorm. It must have been the Great Spirit's way of bidding you welcome to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation! There are many great activities planned and we hope that our newsletter, *Smoke Signals*, will help you to find activities, people, and places at Conclave. Feel free to submit any news to our roving reporters or to our headquarters in Randy Rowe lodge. Have a great weekend!

-Publications Staff

Great Expectations

by Andrew Hoffmaster

Enthusiasm in camp was high due to anticipation of the weekend's activities and events. The delegates were looking forward to everything from good food to great ceremonies.

One of Kittatinny Lodge's delegates, **Steven Phillips**, said that he was looking forward to finding what Conclave was all about. **Matt Griffer** of Octoraro Lodge seemed to be looking forward to meeting people while **Frank Pimarzio**, also of Octoraro Lodge, said that he thought that he would enjoy the dance competition. The vice chief of Wunita Gokhos, **Jake Hartman**, said that he was expecting good food, fellowship and fun. Certainly, Conclave will be a great experience for all!



Patch Etiquette

By order of section adviser **Don Oplinger's** "martial law," there shall be no selling of patches other than at the Trading Post and patches should not be traded during training sessions.



a conversation with the chief

by **Derek Semsick**

I had the privilege of speaking with Eastern Lenape Nation Chief **Bill Whippoorwill Thompson** before Friday night's opening ceremony. I found out that he had been an explorer post adviser at one time. He also said that the camp was very beautiful. I think he made an excellent point when he said that without the OA many of the Native American traditions of the past would have been lost. It was an honor to speak with such a distinguished gentleman at our Conclave.

Ironman Signup

If you are interested in participating in the Ironman competition, you should tell your lodge chief. Lodge chiefs should then report all registrations to **Jordan Hitchens**, who is in charge of the competition.



Saturday Schedule

9:00a	Training Session I	
9:45a	Training Session II	
10:30a	Training Session III	
11:15a	Training Session IV	
12:15p	Lunch	
1:30p	Volleyball competition	Archery Range
	Horseshoes/Quoits	C.O.P.E. road
	Seminar- How to Patch Trade	West Porch
	Ceremonies competition	Indian Village
2:30p	Ironman competition	
3:30p	Individual Dance competition	Indian Village
	OA Jeopardy	East Porch
5:45p	Colors	Parade Field
6:00p	Dinner	Dining Hall

Training Sessions will be:

- #5 Brotherhood Conversion (East porch)
- #18 Ceremonies (rifle range)
- # 22 Scouting on the Internet (nature pavilion)
- #39 Back to the Woods Cooking (Reary pool)
(only sessions III and IV)
- #191 Fundamentals of the Ordeal (West porch)
- #343 Endowments (lakefront pavilion)
- NE-4A Service to America (Dining hall)
(only sessions I and II)

"The Beginning"

by **John P. Boldin**, Lodge 22

*** An original poem inspired by John's reflections of his first impressions of Conclave ***

As the rain came a tapping
 The people came in Brotherly love
 With all my brothers by my side
 I know that we will have a good time
 5, 18, 22, 39, 191, 313
 I will make new friends
 and learn more about our Ordeal
 and how our Ordeal should stay in happiness
 Then the darkness arose about
 To hear the stories of the chief and his wife
 I can picture myself hunting
 the fox
 the muskrat
 and the raccoon
 We learn more about our culture from their stories
 Darkness arose again
 The mist came to fill the room
 To hear more stories of our ancestors
 Then to feast with my old brothers
 and new ones that I should meet



Ryan Boop, Bill Knappenberger, and Sam Kieffer pose after opening ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies

by **Andrew Hoffmaster**

As many of you know, last night during the opening ceremony, we were presented with a rare chance to have Chief Thompson, of the Eastern Lenni Lenape Nation, as a guest speaker. Also as a guest speaker, was his wife, Diane Thompson. They both briefly described the history of the Lenni Lenape Indians and then Chief Bill Whippoorwill Thompson told some traditional Lenape legends and some of his own personal experiences. Afterward, Chief Thompson and Grandmother Diane explained the symbolism behind the dress of the Lenape Indians. He explained how the ribbon shirts were formed when the Eastern Woodland Indians were made to go to European styled schools. As a result of this, they added ribbons to their shirts to identify their tribes.

The presentation by Chief Bill Whippoorwill Thompson and Grandmother Diane was both an honor and a pleasure.

OA Jeopardy

All lodges should assemble their teams for OA Jeopardy!!! Teams should report to the west end of the Reary Pool parking lot at 3:30 pm for Wunita Gokhos' excellent Jeopardy competition. All lodges are encouraged to attend this exciting event!



Here's what your lodge could win if you participate in OA Jeopardy... Who knows, it could be you!!!

From the Section Chief

Good morning my friends,

Last evening you witnessed the opening ceremony of Conclave '98. "Gather the Clan, Circle the Council Fire." I am sure you were impressed with the words of Chief Thompson. This is only the beginning! There are many events and session. The rest of the weekend. Take advantage of what this weekend has to offer. "Gather then clan" and attend as many sessions and events as you can. Take something from this weekend back up to your lodges so that you can "circle the fire" with your other brothers. Remember as Allowat Sakima says: "Friends, the ones who chose you, need you."

It has been my pleasure to serve section NE-4A as your chief this year. I have made many friends and memories this year and thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kittatinny Lodge #5 for their "unselfish service" in preparing this conclave. The opening ceremony only strengthens my confidence in the success of this weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ryan Boop



The section enjoyed seeing Wopeau Sisilija Lodge 343's "White Buffalo boy." Is it a mutation or a cloning experiment gone horribly wrong?

From the Section Vice Chief

It has been a pleasure to serve you as the Section vice chief this past year. Despite the mild confusion of the re-alignment, we have formed a new and valuable camaraderie. I am proud to have been a part of the inaugural year of new Section NE-4A.

From past experiences, I am more than positive that all Arrowmen who are in attendance this weekend, will leave here with a better more complete understanding of the brotherhood to which we belong. At every conclave that I have attended, I have seen the unselfish, cheerful service of many arrowmen striving to make the weekend more enjoyable and beneficial to their fellow brothers. This is the Order of the arrow in its full meaning. I would like to personally commend Kittatinny Lodge 5 for their outstanding service put forth for the Conclave year.

As vice chief, my primary responsibility is to oversee the training of lodge delegates at the Section Conclave. I am excited to see each of the sessions that we have to offer this morning, in action. With NOAC right around the corner, I would urge every participant to take part in as many training sessions and workshops as possible. Make this weekend a learning experience for yourself and your lodge.

Have a great day, have fun, and learn new and different ideas to take home to enhance the ways in which your lodge operates.

Yours in Service,
Samuel A Kieffer
Section NE-4A vice chief

In Memory of Glenn Buntz

This past winter, Glenn Buntz, our section associate adviser passed away. Glenn had dedicated much of his time, possessions, and talents to the Order and he will be greatly missed by all. His family is putting together a book of short stories of anyone's memories of Glenn. The book will be given to his nephews and nieces so that they may better remember such a great man.

HMSR Weather

The weather rock says that tomorrow's weather will be:

Rainy if the rock is wet

Windy if the rock is moving

Snowy if the rock is white

Sunny if the rock is warm

If the rock is stolen, someone has taken it.