



** SECTION NC-4A CONCLAVE HELD AT CAMP DODGE **

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The 1983 Order of the Arrow Section NC-4A Conclave was held at Iowa National Guard camp Dodge located about 3 miles north of Des Moines Iowa the Weekend of September 23-25, 1983. This proved to be a good experience for all who attended. Many opportunities were provided for learning and experiencing the Order of the Arrow. All of the arrowmen stayed in the barracks and ate in a mess hall. The events were held all over the place. The weather was good for the weekend, and since the Summer Uniform Brigade was there in force (Bob, Bruce, Brian), they were lucky. The food was good and the training sessions were very good. Even the patch mongers were there in force trying to separate you from your patches.

The Golden sun lodge was there in force and we are proud that several of our new Ordeal members were there to gain knowledge and have fun. Those who attended were:

Boys:

Bill Abele	Kyle Bellin	Michael L. Boyd	Mike F. Boyd
Rick Comte	David Cords	Michael Fazi	Brian Glover
Bob Goggins	Bryan Hart	Gary Hunt	Brian Hutchinson
Scott Johnson	Robert Leonard	Eric Mason	Jeff Moody
Jim Smith	Steve Stajner	Tom Svoboda.	

Adults:

Bruce Abernethy	Doug Anderson	Robert Baker	Swede Glover
George Hunt	Ed Hutchinson	Dale Moses	Joe McLLLLachlan
Roger McPherson	Herb Smith	William Smith	Jim Starck
Clyde Vandorn.			

All eight (8) Lodges in the Section were well represented. There were 225 arrowmen there learning how to make the Order of the Arrow program better. These sessions not only talked about National policies and suggestions, but gave an opportunity to all arrowman to find out how other lodges in the section work. On Saturday afternoon there was a Pre-Ordeal ceremony competition which CHO-CUN-MUN-A-NOCK won.

At 4:00 p.m. on Saturday came the event that all had been waiting for: The annual and traditional Arrow Bowl (O.A. trivia contest). This was won by TIMMEU lodge with the Golden Sun Lodge a close third. The Golden Sun Lodge had won this for the last two (2) years. A talk with the Section Chief early Saturday revealed that SAC-N-FOX lodge was the odds-on favorite to win with 1981 returning trivia superstar Charlie Zimmerman. A surprise no-name team from TIMMEU lodge won the coveted arrowbowl title with 47 points. SAC-N-FOX finished second with 46 points while our team came in third with 45 points. Next year will be the Year of the Golden Sun! This event was founded by Roger Lampe one of our past chiefs many years ago.

Saturday evening brought the main program. The guest speaker was the National Order of the Arrow Secretary; Bill Downs who talked about the purpose of the O.A. and the O.A. at Philmont. After Mr. Downs, Timmeu Lodge presented a very nice slide show on their council camp. During the business meeting, Charlie Zimmerman was elected Section Chief with Craig Heckman of WE-U-SHI lodge, Kearney, NE. Elected as Vice Chief. Ron Hodges of Mitigwa Lodge in Des Moines was elected Section Secretary.