

Bi-Annual Section NE-4B Report

Brothers, I would like to take a moment to stop and reflect. As you are well aware we are in a New Year and with that New Year's Resolutions are made and I would like to do just that. Shortly after Conclave I published the Section's 2016-17 Plan Book which included my goals for the year. Those goals were as follows;

1. Look for ways to help the Section's finances to fund future programs including, but not limited to SALLS, OAHA Scholarships, and Conclave
2. Start a Lodge Exchange Program to help build bonds between the Lodges in the Section.
3. Continue with the SALLS Training Program's Success from last year and help it to grow.
4. Promote OA High Adventure and run a successful scholarship campaign.
5. Quarterly Section e-newsletter
6. Help plan and prepare for a successful 2017 Conclave.
7. Help lodges with their yearly program, staying in frequent contact with the chiefs.
8. Update Section website and information.
9. Transmit Regional and National news and updates to Section members.
10. Make Section operations and business run smoothly and successfully.
11. Continue our SG Trading Post
12. JTE Gold 2017

Out of these goals we have made much progress. We have made a Section Belt Buckle and are selling Section Challenge Coins to help fund Section Programs. All \$500 made from the Challenge Coins is going directly to fund two OAHA Scholarships to help send Arrowmen from our Section to a OAHA program at one of the four High Adventure Bases of the BSA.

We have successfully launched the Lodge Exchange Program (LEP) and have had much success with the program thus far with a few members of Kuskitantee and Allohak Menewi visiting Wagion and Wagion visiting Kuskitantee and some more exchange to happen soon at Allohak Menewi's Winterfest at Camp Heritage. From a Section's point of view this program has been very successful in allowing Lodge leaders to open their eyes to new program activities, opportunities for service, fellowship with brothers within the Section, and much more!

We are currently in the progress of planning SALLS for the New Year which will be held on March 25th at IUP. Along with that we are currently working on and promoting our Sections OAHA Scholarships to help assist in sending Arrowmen to OAHA excursions. We have recently changed our Quarterly Newsletter to a Bi-Annual Newsletter with one being shortly after the

New Year and one either before or after Conclave.

Wagon is currently in the progress of planning a successful 2017 Conclave which will be held at Camp Conestoga June 9th – 11th with the theme of “Building Blocks of Brotherhood” Look for more information on Conclave to be coming out soon. We are proud to have achieved JTE Gold in 2016 once again and are one a good path to do the same in 2017 and our SG Trading Post is still up and operating as it has been. New Conclave Merchandise will be added to the Trading Post in mid to late January to stay posted for that update.

Section Communications is something that I am a personal fan of promoting. We most actively use our Facebook page and group as our main source of Communicating with you, the Arrowmen of Section NE-4B. We try to keep our Website updated with all of our Basic information regarding Conclave, SALLS, and other Section happenings. Then there is our Section Newsletter which acts as a formal way for Lodges to promote what they have been doing since we have last meet as a Section.

Some stuff you have to look forward to regarding National and Regional news is Operation Arrow and promoting its presence at the 2017 National Jamboree. This is a great way to get to experience the Jamboree in a way like never before. I also look forward to continue to support the Lodges in the Section in whatever capacity in which I am so able. To wrap everything up, the Section has been thriving in these 6 months since our annual Conclave and we look forward to continuing this with the continued growth of our finances to continue our program, good communications with you, Arrowmen, assisting in Sending Arrowmen to OAHA programs, and much more! Thank You for the opportunity to continue to serve you guys!

Yours in Brotherhood,



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