

THE WHITE IBIS

January 2016

UPCOMING EVENT

Ibis weekend is our next large event following Section Conference. Ibis Weekend is the lodges event to prepare Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation ready for the summer camp. During this weekend in May, the lodge hosts a council wide event, inviting all units to join us to set-up tents and prepare the activity areas for summer camp. But that is only Saturday morning. In the afternoon it is a mini council camporee.

This is the second lodge wide Ordeal ceremony, with a brotherhood trail too. If you are interested in being an elangomat please contact Will M. at VCI@seminole85.com.

Ibis weekend is May 20-22, 2016 at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. This event is open to all units and arrowmen.

Section Conference 2016

It may be too late to preregister for section conference, but you can still attend the largest OA event in the state. Section Conference is April 9-11 at Camp Elmore, Davie Florida. From new ordeal members to the most experienced Vigils, I guarantee you will love this event. If you want to have the best time or want to do any of the cool things listed email lodgechief@seminole85.com to learn how you can still attend this event.

- Meet the Southern Region Chief, Jeff Sedlacek
- Vote for Section Officers
- Watch the Section Chief Aaron Gluck get pied

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Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

Happy Spring! The lodge has been in full swing as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary with fun and exciting events and cheerful service to the council. Our most recent event, Spring Conclave, had over 60 scouts complete their ordeal and earn the title of Arrowman. Congratulations! In addition, we had our Lodge Officer Elections. Congratulations to them! Come join us as we recognize them as they take office at our annual Lodge Banquet hosted by Busch Gardens this April 23rd! Door open at 6:00pm!

As we move forward, we prepare to go to Section Conference at the Beautiful and Sunny Camp Elmore hosted by O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Over 800 Arrowmen will gather together for a weekend of fun and fellowship. See you April 8th-10th!

Finally, come join us for our very own Ibis Weekend at FASR this May 20th-22nd. In addition to helping prepare for summer camp, there will be plenty of fun activities going on as well as an ordeal and an opportunity to seal your membership as a brotherhood member if you have been an ordeal member for at least 10 months.

Chief Mitchell Guida

Important Dates

Section Conference	April 9-11, 2016
Lodge Banquet	April 23, 2016
Ibis Weekend	May 20-22, 2016

Congratulations Silver Beavers

I would like to congratulate the recipients of the Silver Beaver for Gulf Ridge Council. The Silver Beaver is an adult award for those that have made an impact in the life of the youth and is awarded at the council level. There was nine awarded and seven of which are fellow brothers in the OA. We would like to congratulate Mark Berry, John Coble, Steven Cohn, Art Dye, Jason McCombs, Rick Michels, David Nelson, Bruce Sitki, Dr. Gary Torres on their great accomplishment and thank you all for the changes you have made in the scouting program.

Spring Conclave

Spring conclave was a success. The event was a great one with service to Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. There was fifty new ordeal brothers that completed the ordeal and there is now six new vigil members. The lodge also held their Lodge Executive Committee election. Congratulations on the following new officers:

Lodge Chief	Daniel Holtzberg
Vice Chief Administration	Ronald Cain
Vice Chief Inductions	Daniel Niles
Secretary	Michael Valenti
Treasurer	David Mitchell
Historian	Lathan Dixon