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Ceremonial Team Wins Big at NOAC

Nawakwa Ceremonies Tradition Continues

The Nawakwa Lodge Ceremonial Team had a very successful trip to the National Conference at Iowa State University this summer. Six Team members traveled to Ames, Iowa to be evaluated in Preordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil Honor and Ritual for the First Degree.

The Preordeal Team consisted of Jacob Scanlon, Allowat Sakima; Brandon Ray, Meteu; Matt Beach, Nutiket; and Andrew Kapelewski, Kichkinet. They brought home National Medal Honor Ceremonial Team medals, as they have every year since the evaluations process started in 1996.

The Brotherhood Team consisted of Brooks Child, Allowat Sakima; Brandon Ray, Meteu; Harrison Hankins,

Nutiket; and Andrew Kapelewski, Kichkinet. The Brotherhood Team brought home National Medal Honor Ceremonial Team, too!

Matt Beach was evaluated as a National Medal Honor Ceremonialist in Vigil Honor.

The Team also presented a recreation of the Ritual for the First Degree at the Order of the Arrow Museum. Matt Beach portrayed Medeu, Sakima was Brooks Child, the Medicine Man was Jake Scanlon, Harrison Hankins portrayed Nutiket, and Pow Wow was Andrew Kapelewski. The Team received certificates for their participation in this historical ceremony from approximately 1925.

Several Nawakwa members worked as staff members on the National OA Shows crew. John

Gasink and Scott Verbeke worked on the Props and Costuming crew, Troy Herndon worked on the Effects crew (pyrotechnics and other special effects), and Tray Murphy worked on the Video crew.

Jake Scanlon performed as a Hoodoo in the theme show, and Brandon Ray was Meteu for a NOAC-wide candlelit rededication ceremony that followed the Theme Show on Wednesday night.

All in all, it was a fine NOAC, and Nawakwa was represented well by the brothers that attended and performed to the max for 4 ceremonies over 3 days! Congratulations on bringing home the "gold"! 🍀

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