

MIAMI LODGE (495) MEMORABILIA

The Miami Lodge #495 is named after the great Miami Indian nation. The origin of name Miami comes from their Ojibwe name, Oumami (Oumamik, Owmaweg, Omaumeg) "people of the peninsula" altered by the French and English into our familiar form of Miami (Maumee).

The Order of the Arrow was initiated in the Miami Valley Council in the fall of 1952. A group of Scouts and volunteers petitioned the Council Scout Executive, Wayne Hopkins (a Vigil Honor member from another council and lodge), for permission to charter and start a lodge.

The first ceremony and induction of members was held at Cricket Holler in October of 1952. At the time 121 new members were inducted in a ceremony by Arrowmen of Owasippe Lodge #7 of the Chicago Area Council. A loan from the council permitted the lodge to purchase materials for Indian outfits for the second Ordeal. Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies were held annually at Cricket Holler through 1958. With the opening of Woodland Trails Scout Reservation in 1959, Miami Lodge embarked on a plan of holding events at both camps, a tradition that continues today.

In the first year of opening, the lodge inaugurated its basic plan of service. The lodge helps in preparation for the summer and winter camping seasons by providing conservation work and general improvement to the two council camps. This is one of our greatest traditions and is continued to this very day.

Initially, a reunion and dance was held every December. This event was replaced by the annual Fellowship Dinner. The first dinner was held in January of 1958 and continues to this day as the major social event of the lodge.

The totem of the Miami Lodge is the crane, officially designated as the Sandhill Crane in 1996 by the Lodge Executive Committee. The first pocket emblem and neckerchief were designed by Don Huxley. Early flaps featured a slender, blue or white-colored bird, but flaps from the late 1980s to 1995 resembled a bluebird. A recognizable sandhill crane did not appear until a 2002 lodge flap



F1 - Officially the "First Flap" The lodge totem is the sandhill crane, but it was generally rendered in blue for most early issues. Two variants exist, one on a finer twill and one on a coarser twill.



F2 - Flat rolled-edge flap on fine twill, arrow pointing to the right. The arrow pointing in this direction is an error, and when supplies were exhausted, this flap was not reordered



S1 – This was the first solidly-embroidered flap, with a white, rolled edge border, black lettering and no FDL. Its size is 51 mm x 114 mm,



S2 – This is virtually identical to the S1 patch, but it is a slightly larger size (61 mm x 125 mm), probably due to reordering from a different vendor.



S3a, S3b, S4a, S4b - The next standard flap was reordered several times, with slight changes in color of the circular elements. Collectors recognize four variants, but the lodge recognizes only one. These flaps did feature a gold FDL (fleur-de-lis), although this was not a required element at the time.



S5 - The next standard lodge flap comes in three, easily recognized variations. S5 has horizontal stitching in the light blue sky, and paper backing



S6 - This was a reorder, and featured vertical stitching in the sky, and a paper back to the patch



S7 - This was the second reorder of the standard design. It was identical to the S6 flap, with vertical stitching in the sky, but featured a plastic back to the patch.



F3 - This was a throwback to the F1 design and was issued for the lodge 25th anniversary in 1977. It featured the legend "25 years of Cheerful Service".



S8 - A new design was issued in the late 1970s or early 1980s. It featured a black fleur-de-lis and the Wright Flyer.



S9 - The 35th anniversary flap was the S8 design with the dates 1952 to 1987 added in the upper right corner.



S10 - The next standard flap was issued in the late 1980s. It featured scenery similar to the Seal of Ohio, with a blue bird flying over it. The upper corners were square, and the flap features Swiss embroidery.



S11 - This was a reorder of the S10 standard flap. It features rounded upper corners, and a flat surface, the result of computer-controlled embroidery.



S12 - This was the first 'special event' flap issued, for the 1990 NOAC. It features the 75th OA logo, and a bird that resembles a blue heron.



F4 - This flap was issued for hosting the 1990 Section EC-6A Section Conclave. This patch was reordered, as both left and right twill variants exist.



S13 - This was a reorder of the S10/S11 standard flap, but the color of the sky was a darker blue color.



S14 - The S13 flap design was used for multiple purposes, as designated by different colored borders. The red-bordered S14 flap was for members of the Lodge Executive Committee and is reasonably rare.



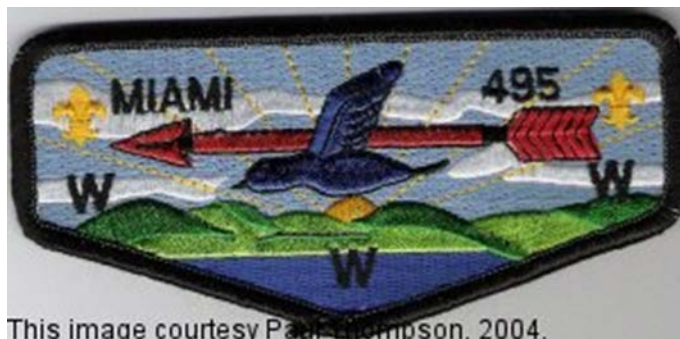
S15 - The green-bordered S13 variant was issued to Elangomats.



S16 - This flap was prepared for attendees at the 1992 NOAC, held at the University of Tennessee



S17 - Another reorder of the standard lodge flap (S10, S11, S13) but with a fatter bird, this was used as a regular lodge flap.



This image courtesy Paul Thompson, 2004.

S18 - The black-bordered version of the S13/S14/S15 flaps was issued to Lodge Advisors and Lodge Chiefs, and is thus reasonably rare.



S19 – The 1994 “trader” NOAC patch showed the crane silhouette and a black tree against a multi-colored sunset.



S20 – The delegate 1994 NOAC flap has the same design as the S19 trader, with a silver mylar border.



S21a – This was the next standard flap for the lodge, used between about 1995 through 2002. The original version had a skinnier (3 mm) neck on the crane. This bird looks more like a crane but is colored like a blue heron, in spite of the LEC ruling that the totem was a sandhill crane.



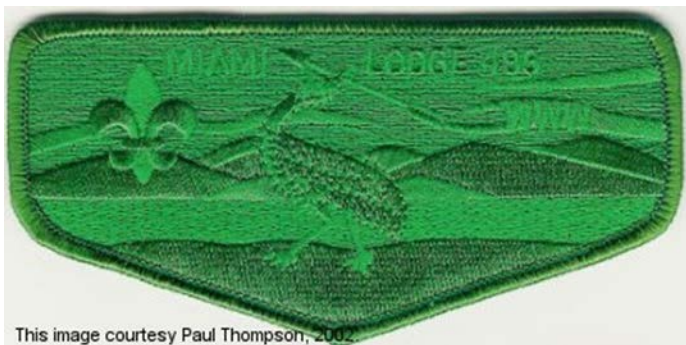
S21b – This variant of the standard lodge flap had a slightly fatter (4 mm) neck. This flap design was used as the basis for the S22 through S30 flaps.



S22 – Numerous variants of the S21 flap were made. This version, dated 1952 to 1977 celebrated the lodge’s 45th Anniversary



S23 – Another variant was used for the 1997 National Jamboree.



This image courtesy Paul Thompson, 2002.

S24 – This “green ghost” was available only during the 1999 Fall Ordeal



S25 – This variant was used for the 2000 NOAC



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S26 - This variant on the S21 design with a white border is a contrived rarity, with only 10 made, one for the lodge collection and three each for the lodge Key 3. Reportedly, it was made to keep the one lodge member with a complete collection to that date from having this patch. The effort failed, as the staff advisor publicly gave this member one of his for service to the lodge. Another of the ten has been repeatedly auctioned and exchanged between a few wealthy lodge members as a fundraiser for the lodge.



This image courtesy Paul Thompson, 2002.

S27 – This was issued at the same time as the S26 Key 3 flap, and was issued only to LEC members. It is also in short supply within the collecting community.



S28 – This variant with a green border was earned by Elangomats, as was the earlier, green bordered S15



S29 – This variant with a blue border may have been used as a fundraiser.



S30 – This “blue ghost” was the last of the S21 variants.



S31 - The 2001 National Jamboree flap shows Kit Cricket flying the 'blue bird' totem used in the S10 to S18 flaps. It was not a popular trader (nor was the corresponding CSP with a similar design) until someone removed the lower half of the hiking staff on the standing silhouetted Scout, who then became known as the "Happy Camper".



S32 - This is one of two 50th Anniversary flaps and echoes the design of the original F1 flap and the 25th Anniversary F3 flap. It was available to not only lodge members, but other attendees at Section Conclave and NOAC



S33 - The second 50th Anniversary flap has a gold border and was made available to lodge members only.



S34 - Miami Lodge was also the host for the 2002 Section Conclave at WTSR, and issued this flap, showing silhouettes of cranes against a sunset, as the conclave host. This was the first flap showing a more realistic sandhill crane.



S35 - This was the new standard lodge flap, issued in late 2002, and features a realistic sandhill crane over a lake and trees, against a colorful sunset.



S36 - The lodge used a white-bordered variant of the S32/S33 Anniversary flap for the 2002 NOAC



S37 - This flap was issued for the 2003 Centennial of Flight Camporee, held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. It features the sandhill crane totem, the Wright Flyer and Huffman Dam, located between parts of the Air Force Base. After the original Kitty Hawk flight, later test flights were done at Huffman Prairie, on land that would become part of the base.



S38 – One of the flaps for the 2004 NOAC was a variant of the S34 Conclave Host flap, with a light green sky, neon-colored cranes and a fleur-de-lis ghosted into the sun.



S39/X5 – This is the 2004 NOAC trader, with realistic cranes over the Iowa State landmarks and a red border. This is the first flap/chevron set produced by the lodge.



S40/X6 – The gold-mylar version of the 2004 NOAC flap and chevron was used by delegates to the conference.



X7? – For the 2004 NOAC, oversized CSPs for the Miami Valley Council were also issued, although the council name and number (444) are not shown. The orange-bordered patch is a trader.



X8? – The gold-bordered oversized CSP was used by delegates. Numbering of patches becomes strange about this time, and only a very few issued after these patches have designated numbers.



S41/X9? – The 2006 NOAC used this flap and chevron set, featuring the MGM Indian in gold, dressed in disco style, and riding a space shuttle, with the old-style blue bird (in purple) superimposed on the moon, with the tag line "Never Out of Style"



S42 – The other 2006 NOAC flap shows the crane playing poker with three dogs, with the tag line "Always a Safe Bet".



"S43" – This flap and all later flaps are in quotes, as no official numbers have been assigned through OAIImages.com, or through the Blue Book. This flap shows the flag quadrangle and dining hall at Woodland Trails Scout Reservation and was issued for doing special service to the camp.



"S44" – This was the new standard flap design, issued in late 2008 through 2014. It is sometimes referred to as the "raspberry" because of the red arrowhead.



"S48" – this is listed as S43 in www.oaimages.com, but several uncatalogued flaps were issued before this one. This flap has a black border, and was issued for the 2009 NOAC.

"S45, S46 and S47" – These three flaps were issued for the 2009 Section Conclave, the last for Section C-4B before a realignment. The black border was for all lodge members, the silver mylar for conclave staff members, and the gold border for special services, awarded by the Lodge Chief and the Lodge Advisor.

No flap was issued for the 2012 NOAC.



"S49 & S50" - Two flaps celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Lodge in 2012, with silver mylar and gold mylar borders.



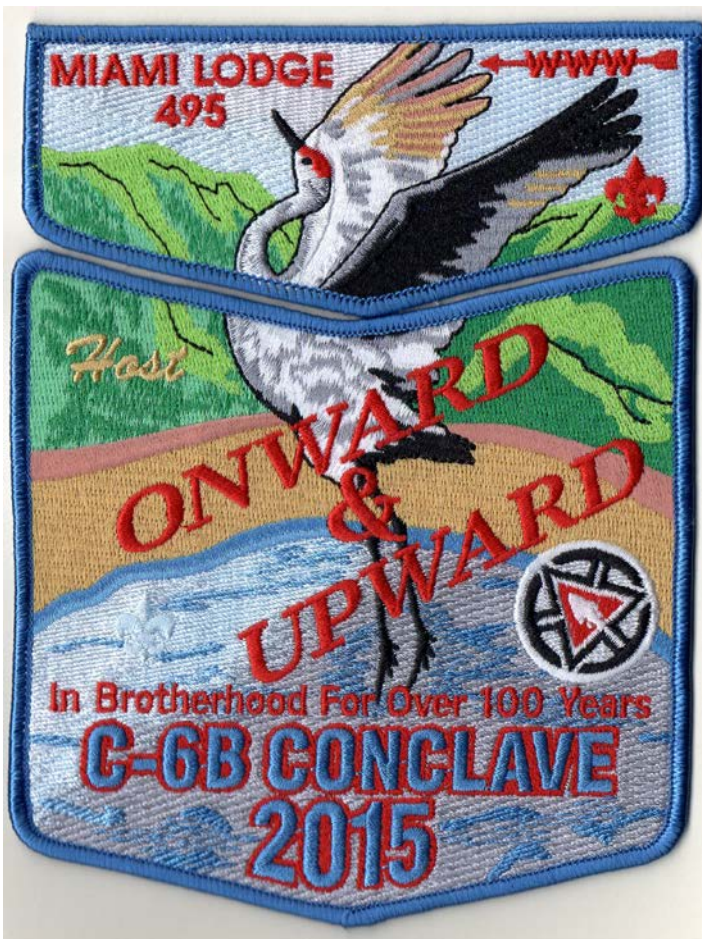
"S51 and S52" - A delegate and trader flap issued for the 2013 National Jamboree.



"S53" - This was a new standard flap issued in 2013, designed by Doug Peppo, and reminiscent of the S3/S4 flaps, with a stylized crane over multiple pastel-colored circles.



"S54" - This is a gold mylar "ghost" of the S53 standard flap. Beginning in 2014, lodge members could buy a "Crane Pass" which was admission to the Lodge Banquet, the three Ordeals and (for an extra fee) the Vigil Dinner. This flap was given to those who purchased the Crane Pass.



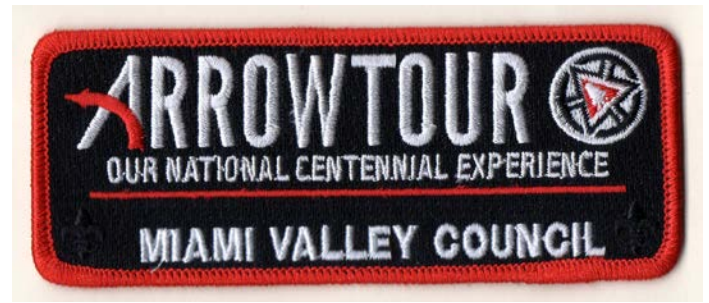
"S55/X10" - This flap and chevron were issued for the 2015 Centennial Section Conclave at Cricket Holler. The "S55" was also used as a standard lodge flap in 2016 and later years.



"S56/X11" - The gold-mylar bordered version of the flap and chevron were issued to staff that worked on the 2015 Centennial Section Conclave, as well as at an earlier preparation weekend.



ZF1 - This flap was sponsored by Bill Mullins, a long-time lodge member as a fundraiser for the lodge, but not issued by the lodge. It is a smaller, modern reproduction of the F1 lap, with a different twill direction and much better embroidery. It was made in limited quantities, and was not well publicized.



This patch was issued by Arrowtour for their visit to Woodland Trails prior to the 2015 NOAC.



"S60" - This flap was distributed by the outgoing Lodge Advisor to individuals who had made special contributions to the lodge, in the opinion of the Lodge Advisor. It was not available otherwise.



"S61" - This flap was used as a keepsake for purchasing a Crane Pass in later years.

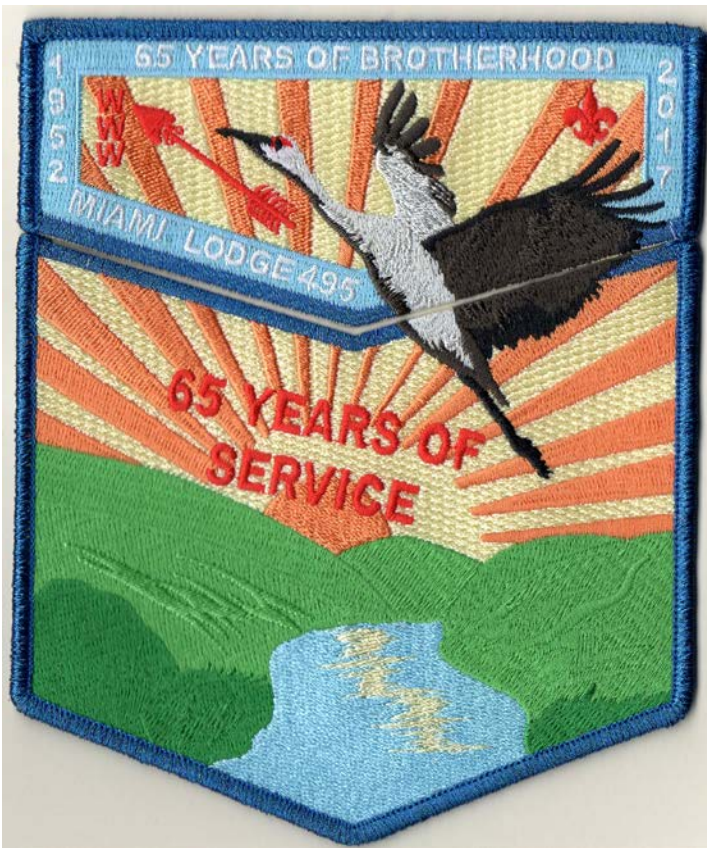


"S64" - This flap was issued during the vigil Reunion in 2017, during the 65th Anniversary of the Lodge, to Vigil members and candidates. We inducted one Vigil member for another lodge and he received a flap as well.

"S57, S58 & S59" - This is the "Centennial Set from the Miami Lodge. "S57" is the actual centennial flap, "S58" celebrated Arrowtour visit, and "S59" is the 2015 NOAC flap.



"S62/X12" - This flap was issued for the 2017 National Jamboree, and features the Wright Brothers, the crane and Kit Cricket at Kitty Hawk.



"S63/X13" - This flap and chevron were issued for the Lodge 65th Anniversary in August 2017, the same day that the Vigil Flap ("S64") was issued.



"X14/S65, S66, S67 & S68" - This central patch and four flaps was issued for the 2018 NOAC. No specific order is meant for the four flaps, which each represent a chapter of the lodge. The chapters are:

- Schimuin Nimats – “flying brothers” the chapter for the Wright Brothers District
- Luwanaxen – “north wind” the chapter for the Two Rivers District, north of Dayton
- Petapan Nutemekiset – “dawn shepherd” the chapter for the Sunwatch District
- Wulakamike Untschi Chweli Men’achk – “land of many forts, the chapter for the Wayne Trace District



"S69" - This is the new standard lodge flap, issued first at the 100th Anniversary Council Camporee.

Only a limited number of "non-flap patches have been issued, detailed below.



P1, P2 and P3 - A pie-shaped patch added to a neckerchief was designed in 1953 by Don Huxley, who also designed the first lodge flap. The first one was issued in 1953.

Three different sizes of these patches exist:

P1 - 180 mm tall by 253 mm wide, added to a neckerchief,
P2 - 140 mm tall by 195 mm wide, on either a neckerchief or loose, and

P3 - 132 mm tall by 190 mm wide, again on either a neckerchief or loose.

N2, N3 - Another neckerchief design was embroidered, using the design on the S1 and later lodge flaps. The N2 design had a narrow piped border, and the N3 had a wider, ribbon border. An N1 silk-screened neckerchief using this design was issued for the 1983 NOAC, and a similar silk-screened design on black fabric, with a white fringe was issued for Elangomats in the 1980s.



eA1965 - this patch was issued for a lodge conclave in 1965, the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Arrow



A1 - The 35th Anniversary award was issued in 1987, commemorating the 35th anniversary of the lodge, and is based on the 1965 conclave patch design



eX1967 - this diamond-shaped patch was issued for the 1967 lodge conclave.



eR1968 - This round was issued for the 1968 lodge conclave.



eR1969 - This round was issued for the 1969 lodge conclave.



eR1970 - This round was issued for the 1970 lodge conclave.



eR1971 - This round was issued for the 1971 lodge conclave.



eR1972 - This round was issued for the 1972 lodge conclave.



eR1985 - This round was issued for the 1985 lodge conclave. No annual conclave patches were known to have been issued between 1973 and 1984.



eR1986 - This round was issued for the 1986 lodge conclave. This was the last known annual conclave patch.



X1 - This undated patch was issued for an Officer's Conclave.



X2 - This undated, flap-shaped patch was issued to executive committee members.



X3 - This undated, flap-shaped patch was issued to executive committee members, and is identical to the X2 patch with a different border color.



J1 - This jacket patch is based on the nationally-issued Native American profile jacket patch, with the lodge name and number added



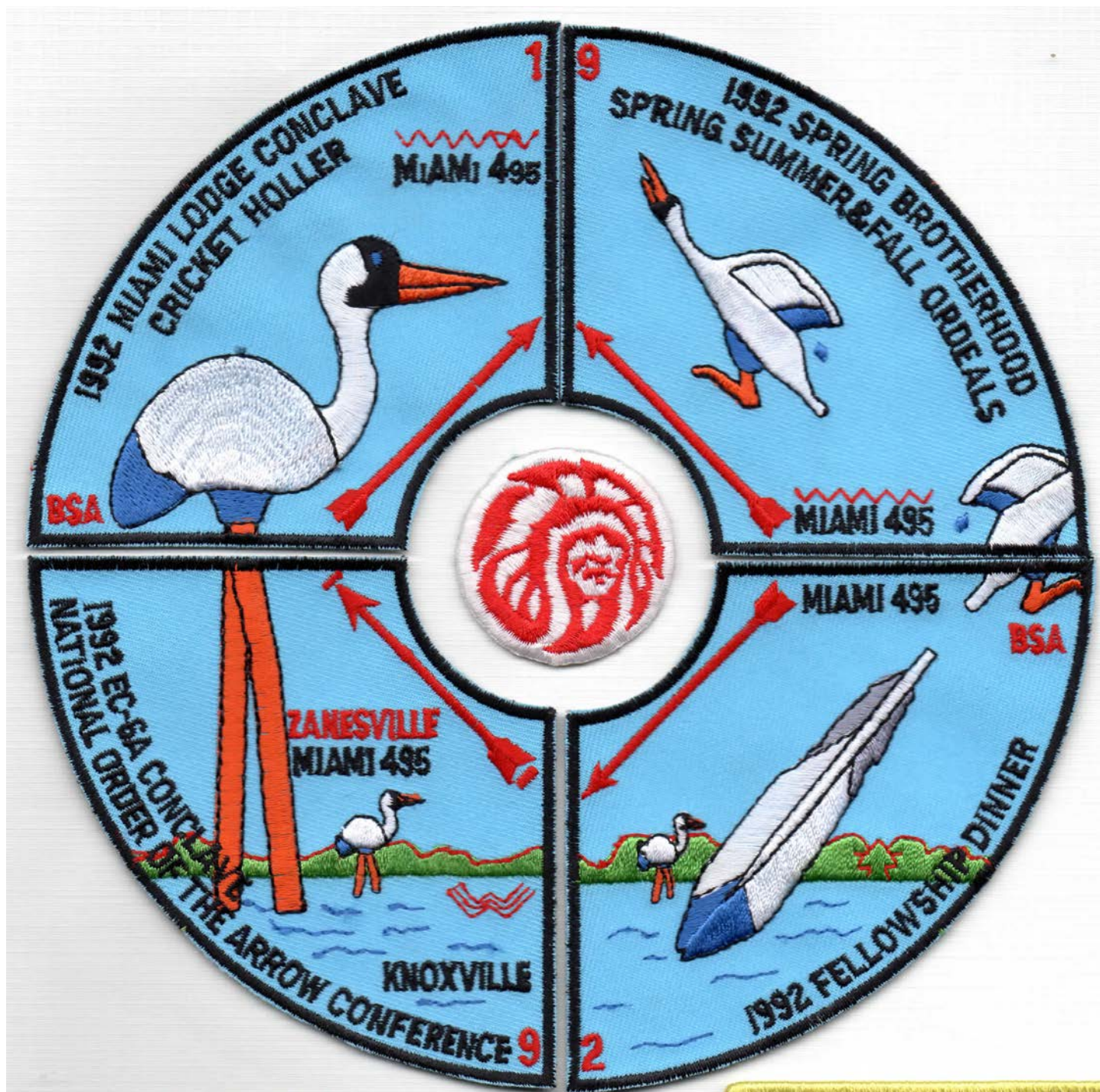
C1, C3 - This is a flap-shaped, chenille patch. Two versions were issued, C1 with a red fleur-de-lis, and C3 with a blue fleur-de-lis



C2, C4 - This round, jacket-patch sized chenille was also issued in two versions, the C2 with red fleur-de-lis and the C4 issued with light blue fleur-de-lis



This jacket patch, also inadvertently listed as "J1" in OAIimages was for the Eluwak Takachsin Chapter of the lodge.



In 1992, a four-part set of patches was issued by the lodge, to surround a 50 mm "MGM Indian" patch with Miami written across the headband. (I do not have one in my collection). The four patches were issued for the winter 1992 Fellowship Dinner, the three ordeals, a 1992 lodge conclave, and attendance at either the EC-A Conclave, or the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.