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450 at O.S.R. Weekend

A massive contingent of over 300 brothers attended the Ontario Fall Work weekend on September 14-16, 1962. In addition, 147 new members were inducted into the Lodge during the weekend.

The astounding total of about 450 is the greatest attendance ever had on a work weekend by our Lodge. Since this was more than the dining hall could hold, food had to be served in two shifts..the Kitchen staff did an excellent job, nevertheless.

Despite the large numbers, everything worked out, with brothers sleeping on the floor, in the dining hall, and on the porch.

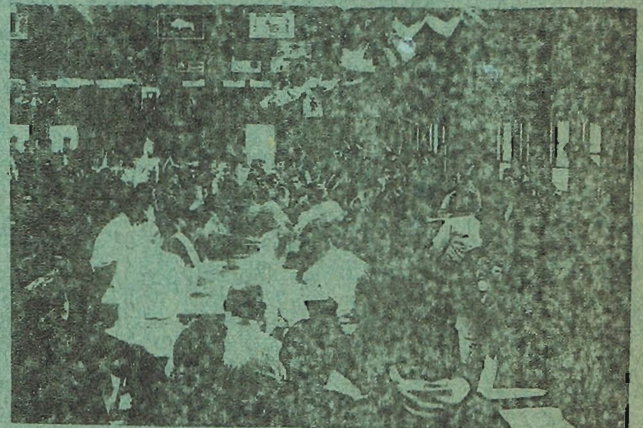
Saturday came and the huge attendance proved to be an asset as many large and worthwhile projects were completed. Seats were made for the Catholic Chapel and the Council ring, the Catholic Chapel and latrines were painted, sets in the campsites were covered with tar paper for the winter, campsites were cleaned, brush piles were made and a log dam was built for stream conservation.

The Ordeal Ceremony took place in an open field since the regular camp council ring could not accommodate 147 Sheepskins.

The Brotherhood Ceremony, held earlier in the evening proved quite impressive as 19 brothers sealed their membership in the Order.

At the Lodge meeting Sunday morning it was announced that the Wauwepex weekend would be held on November 2-4 (it has since been changed as we go to press). Committee chairmen were then introduced and each told briefly of his committee and its functions. After the meeting members were signed up for the various committees.

After lunch Lodge Chief, Morton Schwartz, closed the weekend with the traditional friendship circle and the singing of the song of the Order.



arrow activities

Oct.13 Pin Party, 7:30 P.M. at the Roosevelt Field Bowl-a-rama in Garden City. Call Steve Tuchband (IV 3-1981).

Oct.13 Deadline for the acceptance of all Wauwepex Weekend registration cards. (see enclosed flyer).

Oct.19-21 Fall Fellowship Weekend at Camp Wauwepex.

Nov.15 Deadline for the December issue of the Buckskin Tab.

Dec.27 Annual Buckskin Banquet.

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editorial.....

Once there was a young scout, energetic in spirit, who worked hard in his troop, became a fine patrol leader, and to his utter joy, was elected to the Order of the Arrow. He was inducted in an impressive ceremony at Summer Camp, and in the Fall, he eagerly anticipated his first Fellowship Weekend.

Now, this scout was the only O-A member from his troop going, and, since he knew few lodge members, he boarded the bus alone, but his heart and mind were full of the spirit and ideals of the Order. Being young and slight of build, he was bumped from the seat he chose by an older, bigger "brother". On arrival at camp, he was arbitrarily assigned to a campsite, alternately ignored or shoved about by the huge, milling throng of lodge members, and ended the weekend feeling that he had been lost in an unkind mob.

Having signed up for committee work, he was never called to serve, and by the next Spring, completely disillusioned, he went inactive. The word spread in his troop, and there was little further interest in the O-A there.

The foregoing may be fiction, but the annual drop out rate in Buckskin Lodge would indicate that there is more than a little truth in the story. One wonders how many capable leaders the Lodge has lost in this way. Certainly, it's a problem of size, and because Buckskin is so large perhaps a few such cases cannot be avoided. But many Brothers

need to realize that the spirit of Service, and the meaning of Brotherhood, go beyond the digging, painting, and hauling for the camps, or the short-lived attention paid to new candidates at induction. Each of us has a CONTINUING responsibility to his Brother Arrowmen as well. Suppose that each older Brother made it his special duty, at each Lodge activity and in his own District, to seek out one or more of these younger brothers not previously known to him, and to sincerely help them to mix, make friends, and enter into the work of the Lodge. How quickly the Spirit, Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service of Buckskin Lodge would multiply. Many of our present problems of size, organization, and participation might well diminish, and Buckskin Lodge would truly become again, as in the past, "Firm Bound in Brotherhood". This is one project that doesn't require a committee, a plan, or a budget. All it requires is the individual concern of each of you, my brothers. Be a big brother.

--Fred Miska

The very nature of an Order of the Arrow Lodge makes communications an important consideration. The Lodge or Chapters do not meet frequently and all members are not able to attend Lodge activities. The vital work of the Brotherhood of cheerful service is done by individual Arrowmen in their own units. Therefore, it is essential that a large measure of the information needed by members be distributed through the mails.

THIS YEAR'S LODGE OFFICERS

LODGE CHIEF.....Morty Schwartz
FR 9-6374
LITTLE LODGE CHIEF..Chris Canero
FL 2-7826
TREASURER.....George Bartels
OR 1-1721
RECORDING SECY.....Thomas Bligh
IV 8-0685
CORR. SECY.....Richard Berry
MA 1-2001

committee reports



telephone committee

The revived Telephone Committee needs your help. We need many brothers to help us deliver our messages. The purpose of the Telephone Committee is to remind brothers of important Arrow activities. It doesn't take long to make these calls, but you will be performing an important task. Contact Chairman Peter Reis at MA 1-2564.



vigil committee...

The Vigil Committee invites all Brothers to recommend qualified Brotherhood members for the Vigil Honor. The Brotherhood member must have two years of service as a Brotherhood member. Please include information about the members religious, community, and Scouting activities in your letters. Please send the letters to William Hanson, 174 Jefferson St., Franklin Square, New York.



e.c.a. committee..

Another Fall session has come around, School has started, and the O.A. is right in there with our "Pin Parties" Every month we have planned a bowling party, the next one being on Saturday night, October 13, at 7:30 P.M. They will all be held at the Roosevelt Field Bowl-a-Rama in Garden City. (The November Pin Party will be on the 17th). Contact: Chm. Steve Tuckband (IV 3-1931).



dance team.....

so far this year the Dance Team has gotten off to a good start. If you like Indian dancing just call-up either co-chairman. No experience or costumes are needed. Contact: Steen Anderson, SU 6-6216 or Ed Kuebert SU 1-2621.

Editor's Note: All Committee Chairmen are reminded that no committee reports shall be accepted after November 15 for publication in the December issue of the Buckskin Tab.



camp promotion..

The Camp Promotion Committee is in the process of preparing new slides of both Camp Wauwever and Onteora Scout Reservation to be shown to troops interested in Summer Camp. The "Where to Go Camping" booklet is now being distributed to all troops. New committee members are always needed to carry out our extensive program of promoting camping. Contact Chairman Steve Rice, IV 1-6145.



chorus

Attention all Arrowsmen with a singing voice, and also those without a singing voice. The Order of the Arrow Chorus wants you even if you can't sing. We entertain at many Scouting functions and need a good turnout. If you want to serve your Lodge and the Scouts and citizens of our Council come out to our rehearsals and recitals. If you want to be a member of our musical committee please contact me any day of the week, after 4:00. S. Tuckband. (IV 3-1931) We need you!



"buckskin tab"...

The Buckskin Tab as the official Lodge newspaper, seeks to offer the Brothers not only with news of the Order, but also with vital information such as names of Committee Chairmen, dates of Lodge events, etc. Brothers can help with this function by reading each Tab issue carefully and making notes of pertinent items. The next issue of the Tab will come out in December.

ADVISOR'S CORNER.....

Buckskin is big business

If you have ever had the opportunity to attend an O.A. Area Conclave, you could not help but be impressed by the differences in the Lodges. No Lodge in the Area has the membership of Buckskin, in fact our attendance at a Weekend is greater than the entire membership of some of the other Lodges. These Lodges consider our attendance at the Annual Banquet completely fantastic.

We have seen Lodges put on a demonstration ceremony, supposedly for instructional purposes, where the members of the ceremonial team had to read their parts. The business management and the handling of finances in some of these Lodges is at a minimum.

I am certainly not mentioning these things to criticize or ridicule these Lodges. This type of operation in some cases may be all that is required, or may be all that is possible in a very small Lodge. This brings me to my point.

Buckskin Lodge, because of its size is "big business". Big business cannot be operated successfully by just a handful of office holders. Each office must be filled by a mature and unselfish person. He cannot be in that position for his personal glorification. The appointed members of that administration must be chosen for their proven ability and past participation, not because of personal friendship or "political patronage".

Behind these leaders of the Lodge, there must be full committees and full participation by the membership. This is where Buckskin Lodge falls down. Let me give you some examples.

Too often the troop elections in a district are covered by the same handful of members over and over again.

Too often one member in a district does all the camp promotion work.

Too often many of our members bring only a camera instead of work clothes to a work weekend. They usually arrive late Saturday morning and go home early Saturday night.

Too many candidates for Brotherhood have never seen an Ordeal Ceremony other than their own.

Every organization has a certain percentage of non-participants and leaders that are not as qualified as they should be. The danger grows in proportion to the size of the organization. Buckskin Lodge can ill afford these weaknesses. If you wear the tab, you are obligated to your Lodge as well as to Scouting.

---W.F. Miska

50 at conclave

Blaze the Trail was the theme of the Area 2A O.A. Conclave, attended by 50 Buckskin delegates. The Conclave officially got under way on Saturday September 1, 1962.

We began our conclave with an address by the National Secretary of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. Martin Hookford. Mr. Hookford discussed the goals of the Order of the Arrow.

Discussion groups included Lodge Administration, Lodge rules and ways of implementing the camping program which were attended by all brothers and like interest groups which covered Home Troop Elections, costumes, Ordeal and Brotherhood procedures, publications and Orientation of new members.

The Lodge Executives are now awaiting the official Conclave report which is being prepared by Shinnecock Lodge of the Suffolk County Council.

HELP WANTED

We hope you like the "new look" of this month's TAB. We're trying to make it better each issue, but it's not a one-man job. I need reporters, feature writers, cartoonists and typists. Call Editor at SU 5-5152.

from the Chief's quill....

As the Fall arrives, after a very active summer for all, the time comes for most of us to return to School, work, sports and other activities.

Let us not forget that among these activities, time must be devoted to Scouting as there is a great deal to be accomplished this year.

We all realize that our Unit comes first, but should be closely followed by our responsibilities as an Order member.

Therefore, I present a challenge to each and everyone in the form of a set of goals. These goals which I propose are similar to those set by the National Order of the Arrow Committee and I suggest we adopt them.

TO BUILD

Stronger units with an increase in camping.

To promote physical fitness among all scouts.

A sound interest in the lore of the American Indian, so that we may perpetuate his traditions.

TO SERVE

By completing significant service to the Council Camps and local Scouting. By promoting Scouting as a profession, as the Executive Scouter is the backbone of the movement.

TO ACHIEVE

An Order of the Arrow election in every eligible unit.

A strong representation at the next National Conference, and all other Order of the Arrow functions.

The wearing of the proper uniform as an example to younger Scouts.

These goals may sound quite simple but I assure you that if they are fulfilled we have accomplished a commendable task. My brothers, read between the lines and see these words spelled out so clearly "Camp Promotion, Physical Fitness, Indian Lore, Service, Scouting, Uniform, Elections and Attendance."

Let these words burn in your mind...
Let them drive you forward....
TO BUILD
TO SERVE.....TO ACHIEVE.

my first weekend.....

This summer I had the honor and the privilege to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Let me tell you about my first Fellowship Weekend.

I arrived by car at about 10:30 P.M. Upon entering the dining hall I first thought that it was one, uncentralized accumulation of men and boys. After viewing the situation, I soon realized that it wasn't such confusion after all.

When I arrived at my campsite with the Arrowmen from my troop, I wondered what the next day would bring.

I was awakened at 6:00 A.M. by some "worthy", who was inquiring if any of us were guides. No comment. When I came to the dining hall for breakfast, I first noticed the real difference between O.A. members and the normal lot of Scouts. No table waiters were appointed or had to be. Those that arrived early set the table. Not just any one table, but any other table that needed setting. If one setter noticed that another needed spoons, he got them.

When work details were given out, my friends and I chose to work on a conservation project, a dam.

Here is where the high ideals of the Order of the Arrow come into action. Cheerful service we were obligated to give, and that we gave. We not only constructed a dam, but we also created a place where the water would stay during the next summer.

As long as I live, I don't think I'll ever see the same kind of work as I saw there. Boys smiling as they chopped through wood, carried stones, pulled brush, and wallowed in mud. If anyone ever asks me why the Order of the Arrow exists, I will ask him to come to see a work weekend, and watch the members at work, hard work, and the smiles on their faces will remain in his memory forever. I was never so proud to belong to any organization.

I hope that for the rest of my life I may be able to remain in active service of such an organization as the Order of the Arrow.

---Steve Brenner

banquet dec. 27

The Annual Buckskin Banquet will be held on Thursday, December 27, 1962. As in past years, the Banquet will be held at the Huntington Town House. The fee is \$4 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the Wauwepox weekend and thereafter from your district representatives listed below. A table of eight may be reserved by sending a Stamped self-addressed envelope with a \$32 check or money order to Banquet Table Committee, 2816 Mattituck Ave., Seaford, New York. Checks are payable to Buckskin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow. No cash will be accepted for table reservations. The Banquet this year is limited to 700 brothers. So get your tickets early.

BANQUET TICKET REPRESENTATIVES

- ALGONQUIN - Don Fujimira MA 1-1761
186 Warner Avenue, Roslyn Heights.
- ARROWHEAD - Jim Stritmatter WE 5-7718
2 Rose Place, Plainview.

- EAGLE TRAIL - Tom Cassidy PE 1-2309
51 Ripple Lane, Levittown.
- MATTINECOCK - Paul Carroll FR 5-8367
9 Baxter Avenue, New Hyde Park.
- FINE TREE - Joel Meirowitz PE 1-0323
181 William Rd., North Massapequa.
- PIONEER - Steve Chu PI 2-3945
34 Linden Street, Garden City.
- POLARIS - Steve Ogintz IV 6-3281
588 Hadden Lane, East Meadow.
- SOUTH CENTRAL - Richy Fratz LY 9-8098
58 Waeg Avenue, Malverne.
- SUNRISE TRAIL - Wayne Fowler SU 5-7812
5 Marlboro Place, Bellmore.
- SE-PEQUA - John Green CA 1-7420
3841 Condit Street, Seaford.
- TELAWANA - Mark Cohen VA 5-5197
879 Kallas Court, Valley Stream.
- TOMAHAWK - Ralph Searles PO 7-5257
76 Park Avenue, Port Washington.
- THUNDERBIRD - Bob Buchwald WE 8-7771
28 Sexton Road, Syosset.
- TRAIL BLAZER - Ed. Hiller LY 9-8098
25 Barber Street, Elmont.

dues are due.....

Dues for the 1963 calendar year are being collected now. The first opportunity to pay your one Buckskin (\$1.00) will be at Camp Wauwepox on November 19-21. The second and third opportunities will be through the Tab. First in October, and then again in December, there will appear a form which can be cut out or which can be duplicated if you do not want to cut up your Tab and sent to the Treasurer, George Bartels, who will record the payment of your dues. The fourth and last opportunity to make your payment will be offered at the Buckskin Banquet on December 27. After January 1st an additional \$1.00 must be paid to reinstate your membership. Ed. Note: If you are going to use the form below, make sure that you include a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED envelope so that George can mail back your membership card. If you do not do this you cannot be assured of getting your 1963 membership card.

George Bartels
8 Glen Avenue
Glen Head, N.Y.

Attached please find \$1.00 to cover my dues to the Buckskin Lodge for the calendar year of 1963.

Name _____
Street _____
Town _____

Phone _____

FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND CAMP WAUWEPEX

October 19-21, 1962

THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE MADE!

BUCKSKIN LODGE

Due to the weekend of November 1st being the "Kick-off" to the 1963 fund drive, of the Nassau County Council, the Fall Fellowship Weekend has been moved up to October 19th - 20th - 21st

PLACE: Camp Wauwepex
Wading River
Long Island

COST: Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)
to cover the cost of meals, payable upon arrival.

RESERVATIONS: Return enclosed card to:

Mr. Richard Berry
Nassau County Council
Boy Scouts of America
Shelter Rock Road
Roslyn, New York

NOTE: Please bring all available tools, rakes, hammers, axes, brushes, etc.

REGISTRATION: Begins at 8:00 P.M. at the Frontier Dining Hall. Report there as soon as you arrive.

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 13th, 1962.

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