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ANNUAL BANQUET SET FOR DEC. 27

As winter draws near, people look forward to Christmas time and Buckskins look forward to the Annual Banquet. They look forward to an evening of good food, fellowship and an entertaining and informative speaker.

This year's Banquet as in the past will be held on the Thursday after Christmas, that is on December 27, 1962. Again we are returning to the Huntington Town House. This restaurant is located at 124 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington Station, N.Y. It is about one mile east of Route 110 Walt Whitman Road. The dress for the affair is civies.

Heading the menu is top sirloin of beef. After the dinner an entertaining program will follow. Included in the program is the Past Lodge Chief's Presentation, songs, color slides of Arrow Activities and the Vigil Honor Presentations. Our guest speaker will be Mr. August E. Diflorio, a United Nations Delegate.

The Banquet is the last opportunity to pay 1963 dues. Dues are "one buckskin" (\$1.00). The trunk will also be there for those who wish to purchase Order of the Arrow supplies.

The fee for this gala event is \$4.00 per ticket. Tickets may be obtained by sending the money and a stamped self-addressed envelope to your District ticket Representative listed on page 5. A table of eight may be reserved by sending a check or money order to Banquet Table Committee, % Bill Saur, 2316 Mattituck Avenue, Seaford, New York. Include a stamped self- (Continued on pg. 2 also see map).

IMPORTANT MEETING

The Camp Promotion Committee has called an extremely important meeting at Harkness, Friday night, December 14, 7:15-9:00 PM for all Committee members and interested brothers. The purpose of the meeting is to show the newly purchased Ontario and Wauwapeck Camp slides. A model presentation will be given. After the showing the slides and printed explanations will be distributed to the district Chairmen.

ARROW ACTIVITIES

- Dec. 2 Executives meet at Harkness
- Dec. 15 Pin Party. 7:30 P.M. at the Roosevelt Field Bowl-A-Rama in Garden City. Call Steve Tuchband (IV 3-1981).
- Dec. 17 Deadline for Purchase of Banquet tickets.
- Dec. 27 Annual Buckskin Banquet.
- Dec. 31 Last day for payment of 1963 Dues. After this day you must pay an additional \$1 reinstatement fee.
- Dec. 14 Extremely important Camp Promotion meeting. All committee members and brothers interested should attend.
- Jan. 10 Deadline for February issue of the "Buckskin Tab."
- Jan. 12 Pin Party.

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In Memorium

HECTOR A. DONDERI

1911 - 1962

We in the Order of the Arrow are accustomed to our associations with those who give service to Scouting. It is our way of life. Occasionally however, we meet a Brother whose service and devotion to Scouting makes our effort look insignificant by comparison. Such a man was Hector Donderi.

To list the numerous positions he has held and the many honors that have been bestowed upon him is little more than the listing of Chapters in a book. Only by reading the entire book can we appreciate the substance of that book. And so it is with the story of Hector Donderi's life in Scouting.

It is only by having known and worked with this great man that we can fully appreciate the tireless effort, unselfish devotion and inspired leadership that he gave to Scouting. Those of us that have had the privilege of knowing and working with him have lost a good friend and co-worker; Scouting has lost a valuable member of its team.

Rather than bemoan our loss, let us instead, honor his memory by using the example he set as our guide—"to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others." This is the way he would want it.

--W.P. Miska



BANQUET SET FOR DEC. 27
addressed envelope. No half-tables will be reserved. Checks are payable to the Buckskin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow. This year's Banquet is limited to 700 brothers, so get your tickets early. No table or ticket will be sold after December 17. The low price of a ticket (\$4) includes all tipping and second helpings. See you at the 1962 Buckskin Banquet.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues are due from every single member of Buckskin Lodge by January 1, 1963, to cover the operating expenses of the coming fiscal year. The January 1st deadline is rapidly approaching and there are but a few opportunities remaining to pay your \$1 dues. You may, if you wish, cut out or make a copy of the dues form appearing on page 6 of the "Tab" and send it along with one dollar and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Treasurer, George Bartels. If this is not convenient to you, you may pay your dues at the 1962 Banquet.

FROM THE
CHIEF'S

QUILL

by MORTON SCHWARTZ

My Brothers, I take my pen in hand with a very heavy heart due to the loss of one of our most outstanding brothers, Brother Hector Donderi, a man who displayed boundless energy, a dedicated man who thought nothing of giving of his time to benefit the boys who respected and loved him so well.

During his numerous years of active Scouting Brother Donderi set a fine example in the work he accomplished to further the program of the Order of the Arrow.

No one can enter the ceremonial rings in either of our Camps without feeling an awareness of him when seeing the many Totem Poles that were designed, carved and erected under his guidance.

It is our responsibility to continue the work of men such as he and those leaders that came before him.

At a time such as this, we realize and become conscious of our own shortcomings. It stimulates us to rededicate ourselves to the principles which we believe in--principles which are exemplified by the Order of the Arrow.

Here, my brothers, we have a fine opportunity to satisfy our own needs and those of our Scouting community by doing a little more than our share, by "Pitching In" on committees such as, Camp Promotion, Service, Dance Team and many others.

I ask you now to take a look at yourself, evaluate what you have done and decide what you CAN DO and then I am sure we will surpass our goals.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NATL. CONFERENCE

Once again the time is approaching for us to consider the attendance of the Brothers at another National Order of the Arrow Conference.

The next National Conference will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana during the month of August 1963.

Buckskin Lodge has always been represented by a fine delegation of Arrowmen and I am sure that the next Conference will be no exception to this.

Those Brothers who have attended the previous gatherings will attest to the fact that a fine experience was shared with brothers from all other Lodges throughout this great country of ours.

The discussion groups that are held are truly fruitful and those who attend return to their own Lodges with a wealth of new ideas gathered at these sessions.

While swapping is not the purpose brothers attend a Conference many lasting friendships are made through the handclasp that goes with the exchanging of one lodge patch for another.

I was proud to have been a part of the Buckskin delegation at Bloomington, Indiana and to have seen row upon row of our Squaw feathers which stood out among the thousands of other Arrowmen.

I hope that you will watch the BUCKSKIN TAB for further information and be one of those to represent YOUR LODGE at Urbana.

"Taksali A iti"
Vigil member, Buckskin Lodge

BE SURE TO SECURE YOUR BANQUET TICKETS BEFORE DEC. 17 TH

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EXECUTIVE...



Notes from the Executive Committee meeting of Oct. 21, 1962 at Camp Wauwepox:

\$60.00 was appropriated for the printing of the "Buckskin Lodge Handbook" 1000 copies will be made. It will be ready at the Banquet for 10¢ per copy. ...\$108.00 was appropriated for the Camp Promotion Committee for the development of 600 color slides. (15 sets of 40 slides, 20 Wauwepox and 20 Ontoora) ...\$24.00 was appropriated to pay for the printing of the new 1963 membership cards... A motion was made to change the date of the election of officers, i.e. to have a special Election Day. A committee was set up under Chris Canero, Little Lodge Chief, to investigate the possibilities.



TELEPHONE..

The Telephone Committee is now completely organized by Districts. Anyone, Committee Chairman or otherwise, wishing to make use of the service offered by the Telephone Committee should contact Chairman Peter Reis (MA 1-2564).



CHORUS.....

A Buckskin Chorus of some 90 members sang three selections in the Closing Ceremonies of the Long Island Fair at Roosevelt Raceway on Sunday October 21, 1962. The Fair has been our only performance to date. Things are, however, starting to pick up now, and I will soon have need for the entire chorus to participate in an engagement. Scouts or Scouters, good voice or not, interested in joining our musical committee contact Steve Tushband (IV 3-1981).

Editor's Note: All Committee Chairmen are reminded that no committee reports shall be accepted after January 10 for publication in the February issue of the Buckskin Tab.



VIGIL.....

The Vigil Honor is the highest Honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members. It is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Scouts, Explorers and Scouters who by exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their positions in the Order, Scouting or Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order be considered as ample reason for Vigil Honor recommendations.

Any Arrowman who has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two (2) years and in your opinion meets the above requirements is eligible for the Vigil Honor. Submit the name of your candidate with as complete a record of his activities as is possible to secure without disclosing the secrecy of his nomination to William Hanson, 174 Jefferson Street, Franklin Square, New York.



COLLEGE.....

All College Brothers living away from home are requested to send to the College Secretary your name and College Address so that he can mail directly to you your copy of the Buckskin Tab, the College Letter, and any other important Lodge Literature. Send all such information to Russel Skillman, 33 Maple Drive Roosevelt, New York.

Season's Greetings to all...

reports

POLICY.....



The Policy Committee invites all brothers to suggest amendments to the Rules and Regulations and or Constitution of Buckskin Lodge. We particularly encourage amendments and suggestions to our present Lodge Officers Election Procedure. Any recommendation should be sent, in writing, to the Lodge Parliamentarian, Marc Freedman at 40 Virginia Street, Valley Stream, N.Y. Brothers wishing to join this committee may do so by calling Marc at VA 5-6867.



DANCE TEAM

With a large group of dancers the Indian Dance Team of Buckskin Lodge performed at the Long Island Fair on October 21, 1962. We are still looking for invitations to show our dancing skills at the many Council and District activities that are going on. If you would like to join the dance team or would like to have the Order of the Arrow Indian Dance Team at a particular function please call either co-chairman; Steen Andersen (SU 5-6216) or ED. Kuebert. (SU 1-2621)



CAMP PROMOTION

The Camp Promotion Committee is having a meeting at Harkness, Friday night, December 14, from 7:15-9:00 PM. See Article on page 1. All interested brothers should attend. New committee members are needed from Telewana, Sepequa, Polaris, Arrowhead, Algonquin, and Pine Tree Districts. Contact: Steve Rice, IV 1-6146.



E.C.A.....

The ECA Committee is planning to hold two Pin Parties within the next two months; the first to be held on December 15, 1962 and the second to be held on January 12, 1963. They will be at the same place, the Roosevelt Field Bowl-A-Rama, and at the same time, 7:30 PM. To make things interesting trophies will be given out for high game, high average, and "low game". I have talked with most of the Committee Chairman and they have assured me of their presence, so we are expecting a good turn out. I hope to see all of you on the 15th, but please call me if you plan to come. Contact Chairman: Steve Tuchband at IV 3-1961.

BANQUET TICKET REPRESENTATIVES

- ALGONQUIN - Don. Fujimira MA 1-1761
186 Warner Avenue, Roslyn Heights.
- ARROWHEAD - Jim Strittmatter 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.
- PINE TREE - Joel Meirowitz PE 1-0323
181 William Rd., North Massapequa.
- PIONEER - Steve Chu FI 2-3945
34 Linden Street, Garden City.
- POLARIS - Steve Ogintz IV 6-3281
588 Hadden Lane, East Meadow.
- SE-PEQUA - John Green CA 1-7420
3841 Condit Street, Seaford.
- SOUTH CENTRAL - Riehy Fratz LY 9-8098
58 Wagg Avenue, Malverne.
- SUNRISE TRAIL - Wayne Fowler SU 5-7812
5 Marlboro Place, Bellmore.
- TELANAWA - Mark Cohen VA 5-5197
870 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 FL 2-7894
25 Barber Street, Elmont.
- MEADOWBROOK - JOE RADELET FR 8-7947
45 EARL DRIVE, NORTH MERRICK.

WEE WILLIE WRITES AGAIN (TEN YEARS LATER)

Bill Harper, former Editor of the Buckskin Tab and Chief of Buckskin Lodge has consented to write for the Tab again. In this article he reviews the progress and the nature of Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow over the last 10 years.

A decade ago the Buckskin Lodge was beginning to take its present form. It had been guided through the transition period from Buckskin Sons of Wauwexapex to Order of the Arrow by Chief Bob Hayes who insured that the respect and dignity of the former group would be continued. Its ceremonial work and the necessary costumes were being prepared under the skilled craftsmanship of Doug Mathewson. The organizational set-up was strengthened by Chief Henry Schneider's leadership.

As a means of communication, the TAB was published as a one-page newsletter. It was needed then for the lodge was mainly a camp affair. The elections, tapouts, and inductions gave us much summer work, but during the winter we were out of contact with the membership.

Changes came to Buckskin Lodge in the forms of home-unit elections, a revised set of rules and regulations, and greater committee work.

The home-unit elections were a part of the new emphasis by the National Scout Council on home leadership and activities. The revision work was ne-

cessary to handle the new procedures, and also to facilitate matters in an expanding Lodge

Credit for the excellent committee system goes to Chief Richard Schaefer. The success rests with the boys of the Lodge who cooperated so well in its support. This system gave work to many people and generated a feeling of unity. The vast achievements of the Lodge took place because many participated and in doing so became a part of and understood the Lodge operation.

A reservoir of leadership was provided as the committee chairmen were observed in their handling of assignments by many people. They were recognized for their responsibility in lower levels.

The Lodge is unique in that it has a cohesiveness not often found in other societies in a Metropolitan area. It stays together. It appears uniform whenever it travels. Everyone knows a Buckskin in the Order of the Arrow.

With rare exceptions, its members are accepted and lauded by Scoutmasters. Its service has been great and lasting in one of the largest Councils in America. It doesn't deviate from the program of the National Lodge and the National Council; it cooperates to advance Scouting's goals.

It has a high caliber of boys who grow into leadership positions. One former chief has a doctorate degree, one is a Naval officer - Annapolis graduate, others include a teacher, a priest, a scout executive, and a county landscape engineer.

The Lodge was excellent then and is excellent now because it is built upon the foundation of the fine Nassau County Council - its professionals, its volunteers, and its boys.

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

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

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Street _____

Town _____

Name _____