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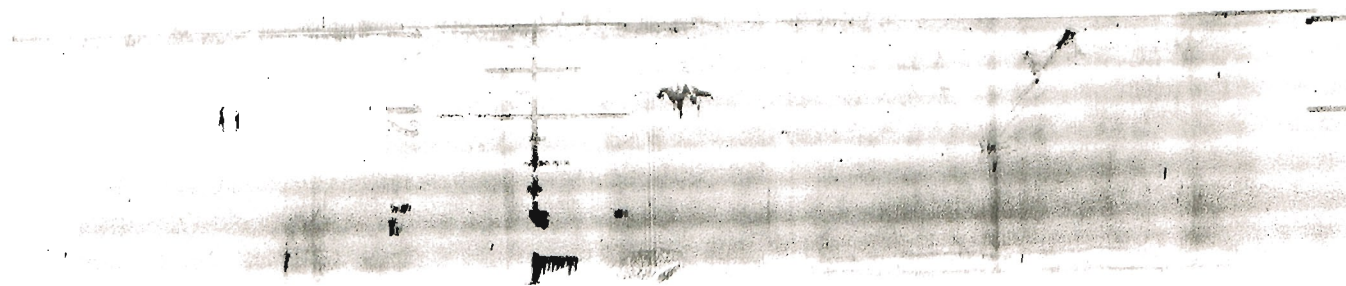
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THE BYLAWS OF THE  
BUCKSKIN LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW  
NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this lodge shall be the Buckskin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow, W.W.W.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow, shall be:

- Section 1. To recognize those campers (Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters) who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, and by such recognition cause others to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition.
- Section 2. To maintain the traditions and spirit of Nassau County Council camping.
- Section 3. To promote and encourage Scout camping as a part of troop and post programs.
- Section 4. To crystalize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in the cheerful service of others.

ARTICLE III - INSIGNIA

The insignia of the Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow, shall be:

- Section 1. The Buckskin Tab. It consists of a white leather tab upon which is drawn a pine tree whose three points represent the qualities of Trustworthiness, Service, and Self-Reliance. Upon the pine tree is superimposed the profile of a wolf's head, standing for Self-Reliance. The Tab is to be worn on the right pocket of the Scout shirt. IT IS NEVER TO BE TRADED.
- Section 2. The Squaw Feather. It consists of a head band with a white feather centered at the back of the head. It represents Service. The Squaw Feather is to be worn at all official Lodge functions at the discretion of the Lodge Chief. IT IS NEVER TO BE TRADED.
- Section 3. The Lodge Neckerchief. It consists of a royal blue neckerchief, the blue standing for loyalty, with a white stripe vertically down the back, standing for the Squaw Feather of Service worn by the "Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex." Across the white ribbon shall be superimposed a five inch red arrow. IT IS NEVER TO BE TRADED.
- Section 4. Because the above insignia are NEVER TO BE TRADED, a trading patch and neckerchief are provided for that purpose.
- Section 5. The Arrow Sashes, the Universal Arrow Pin, and the Civilian Pins are to be worn as prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Order.



## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Order of the Arrow is composed of Ordeal members, Brotherhood members, and Vigil Honor members.

- Section 1. Ordeal Membership. To be eligible for membership in the Buckskin Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, a Scout or Scouter must meet the requirements listed in the Rules and Regulations section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.
- Section 2. Brotherhood Membership. Once a year all Ordeal members of the Buckskin Lodge shall have an opportunity of sealing their membership in the Order of the Arrow by being offered the chance to become a Brotherhood member. Each Ordeal member shall be given the chance to determine his own eligibility for Brotherhood on the basis of the requirements listed in the Rules and Regulations section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.
- Section 3. Vigil Honor. Candidates for the Vigil Honor shall be selected by the Vigil Honor Committee of the Lodge. This committee is to be composed of only Vigil members of the Buckskin Lodge.

## ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

- Section 1. The Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow, shall afford every eligible Scouting unit in Nassau County the opportunity to elect worthy members into the Order.
- Section 2. A Home Troop Elections Committee shall be established to set up and conduct home troop elections in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Rules and Regulations section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.

## ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS OF LODGE OFFICERS

- Section 1. Elected Lodge Officers shall be:
- A. Lodge Chief, Netami Sakima
  - B. Two Little Lodge Chiefs, Sakimas
  - C. Lodge Corresponding Secretary, Netami Lekhiket
  - D. Lodge Recording Secretary, Netami Lekhiket
  - E. Lodge Treasurer, Netami Mawachpo
- Section 2. The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by mail-in ballot. The ballots and notice of the deadline date of receipt of the ballots shall be sent to all eligible voting members of the Lodge no later than four weeks prior to the date of the counting of the ballots.
- Section 3. Due to the large area covered by the Lodge, a Nominating Committee shall be formed to present to the Lodge members a prospective ballot of officers. This committee shall have a minimum representation of one member from each district of the Nassau County Council. Further details are listed in the Rules and Regulations section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.
- Section 4. A candidate for office other than those chosen by the Nominating Committee must submit a petition showing support of his candidacy not later than six weeks prior to the date of the counting of the ballots. The number of signatures required shall be decided by the Executive Committee.



Section 5. A majority vote of the members voting shall be necessary for the election of candidates to office. If no candidate for office receives a majority vote, a revote shall be taken at the next regular meeting of the Buckskin Lodge. Notice of this meeting shall be sent to all members of the Lodge no later than two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1. Lodge Chief. The Lodge Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Little Lodge Chief. A Little Lodge Chief shall assume all duties of the Lodge Chief in the event of his absence. They specifically shall be responsible for checking on the organization and activities of all permanent and temporary committees of the Lodge.

Section 3. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for all records of the Buckskin Lodge. He shall take minutes of all the Lodge events and keep them in the Lodge records.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a complete, up-to-date mailing list of all Lodge members. He shall also be responsible for sending out all Lodge publications, questionnaires, and notices.

Section 5. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer shall be those customary to the office of treasurer. He shall collect dues, fees, etc., keeping a strict account of same. He shall render necessary reports at official meetings and make payments of accounts as authorized following the article in the Rules and Regulations entitled "Finance."

Section 6. Past Lodge Chief. The immediate Past Lodge Chief shall be a member of the administration immediately following his own. He will act in an advisory position to the present Chief.

Section 7. In the event that the Lodge Chief becomes unable to perform his duties a vote of the Executive Committee will decide as to which of the two Little Lodge Chiefs will assume Lodge leadership.

Section 8. In the event that any other elected official is unable to fulfill his duties for any reason, the Lodge Chief shall have the right to appoint a temporary officer to complete the former's term of office.

#### ARTICLE VIII - CEREMONIES

Section 1. Ceremonial officers: The Lodge Chief of the Buckskin Lodge shall appoint those ceremonial team members necessary for the various ceremonies of the Lodge.

Section 2. It shall be the obligation of each of the ceremonial team members to commit to memory that part of the ceremony assigned to him.

#### ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers and their appointed advisors, the immediate Past Lodge Chief or his representative, appointed officers and their advisors, and any other officials listed in the Rules and Regulations section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.

Section 2. The Lodge Chief, with the approval of the Lodge Advisor, shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary to the functioning of the Lodge and its activities.



## ARTICLE X - OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The Buckskin Tab, an official publication of the Buckskin Lodge, shall be sent to all active members of the Lodge. This publication shall contain all official Lodge notices and committee reports of the Lodge.

Section 2. The Buckskin Lodge Handbook shall be the official publication of the Orientation Committee. Among other items it shall contain the Rules and Regulations which shall govern the activities of Buckskin Lodge.

## ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian, appointed by the Lodge Chief, shall be the chairman of the Policy Committee. The adult advisor to the Policy Committee shall also act as the advisor to the Parliamentarian.

## ARTICLE XII - RULES OF ORDER

Except as otherwise provided for, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be followed at all meetings of the Buckskin Lodge.

## ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended in the following manner:

- A. The proposed amendment must first be submitted to the chairman of the Policy Committee.
- B. The amendment must then be presented at an Executive Committee meeting at which at least three quarters of the committee are present. The amendment must receive a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- C. The amendment is then presented at a business meeting of the Lodge and must receive the vote of at least three quarters of the members present at the meeting to be added to the Bylaws.

Section 2. The Rules and Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Lodge at any one of its regular meetings.





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THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
BUCKSKIN LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW  
NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I

This section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook shall contain the Rules and Regulations of the Buckskin Lodge, in accordance with the recommendations expressed in the "Bylaws of the Buckskin Lodge."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

These Rules and Regulations shall govern all activities of the Buckskin Lodge. They are to serve as an official guide to all Lodge officers and committees of the Lodge.

ARTICLE III - FINANCES

- Sec. 1 Every newly inducted member shall be required to pay an induction fee to cover expenses in the purchase of National and Lodge insignia and meals and other necessities of the induction.
- Sec. 2 Every member of the Lodge shall be required to pay in advance as dues, which shall be for one calendar year. Such dues are to cover only the expenses of the Lodge. Weekend food expenses, etc., will be additional. The dues of a newly inducted member will start January 1st following his induction.
- Sec. 3 Notification that dues are due and payable shall be sent to all members prior to the Fall service weekend; dues must be paid prior to January 1st of the year following. Failure to pay said dues by January 1st shall result in forfeiture of membership. Reinstatement may be obtained by written application forwarded to the treasurer with a reinstatement fee of one dollar, plus the dues for the current year.
- Sec. 4 Monies of the Lodge shall be maintained in a bank. Checks drawn thereon must carry two signatures: that of the Lodge Chief or of the Lodge Treasurer, and that of the Lodge Advisor or of his assistant.
- Sec. 5 Expenditures of the Lodge must be approved either at an Executive Committee meeting or at a full Lodge meeting. A favorable vote of a plurality of those present is necessary for approval.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1 Ordeal-- The requirements for eligibility for induction as an Ordeal member of Buckskin Lodge are:
1. The candidate must be an actively registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
  2. He must be either a First Class Scout or an Explorer Scout at the time of his induction.
  3. He must have 15 nights camping, no more than 7 of which may be compiled through long term camping. Long terms are defined as more than three successive nights.
- Sec. 2 Brotherhood-- Each Ordeal member of the Lodge shall be given the opportunity to determine his own eligibility for Brotherhood on the following basis:
1. He must have been an active member of the Order of the Arrow for at least 10 months.
  2. He must be actively registered in Scouting and be mindful of the fact that service to the unit is of the utmost importance to Brotherhood membership.



3. He should have attended a reasonable number of Lodge activities.
4. A Brotherhood Committee, chosen by the Brotherhood Chairman who has been appointed by the Lodge Chief, shall determine the procedure to be followed for the notification and induction of all new Brotherhood members.

Sec. 3 No person is to be inducted for Ordeal or Brotherhood membership at summer camp who is not attending camp for that period.

Sec. 4 Vigil Honor-- Selections for the Vigil Honor shall be made on the following basis:

1. Requirements:

- (a) He must have been a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow for at least two years, during which time he has continued distinguished service (defined as service above and beyond that which is normally expected of a member of the Order of the Arrow) to one or more of the following: the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, the Church, or the community.
  - (b) He must be an actively registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
  - (c) The service record for each candidate must be complete before they are chosen for the Vigil Honor. Under no circumstances may final decision be made before the information is gathered.
2. Letters recommending an Order of the Arrow member to the Vigil Honor may be sent to the Vigil Chairman, for consideration by the Vigil Committee. However, the authorship of such letters shall remain unknown until a decision is made concerning the worthiness of the candidate for the Vigil Honor.

## ARTICLE V - HOME TROOP ELECTIONS

### Sec. 1 Elections

1. Election of candidates for membership in the Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow, is to be held during the months of February, March, and April.
2. Each Scout Troop and Explorer Post of Nassau County Council shall receive notification and description of Home Troop Election procedure. The Unit Leader is to determine whether the Unit is eligible for an election and if so, will notify the Chairman of the Home Troop Elections Committee as to time and place of the election.

### Qualifications

1. A Unit may elect in proportion to its qualified members as follows:
  - 5 to 14 qualified campers, one member may be elected.
  - 15 to 24 qualified campers, two members may be elected.
  - 25 to 34 qualified campers, three members may be elected.For each additional 9 qualified campers, 1 additional member may be elected. Qualified campers are defined in Art. 4, Sec. 1.
2. Assigned members from other troops than the Home Troop will, as members of the Order of the Arrow, conduct the election.
3. At least 50% of the active, registered members must be present in order to conduct an election.
4. All balloting will be secret and written. The counting of the ballots, however, may be observed by the Unit Leader.
5. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.



- Sec. 2 In the event that a unit qualifies for an election a Scouter may be elected. Only one Scouter, who must meet the same camping requirements as the Scouts, may be elected each year. The Scouter will be elected by the adult members of the unit.
- Sec. 3 Each year the Executive Committee may select outstanding Scouters (generally not more than three), not connected with any Scouting unit, to give them the opportunity to become members of the Order of the Arrow.

#### ARTICLE VI - ELECTION OF LODGE OFFICERS

- Sec. 1 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of:
1. A Nominating Committee Chairman.
  2. An adult advisor to the Nominating Committee.
  3. The present Lodge Chief.
  4. At least one representative of each district in Nassau County Council.
  5. A representative of the Ordeal members of the Lodge.
  6. A representative of the Brotherhood members of the Lodge.
  7. A representative of the Vigil Honor members of the Lodge.
  8. Any other Lodge member whom the chairman of the Nominating Committee deems advisable.
- Sec. 2 Lodge officers shall be elected for a term of one year by mail-in ballot. The ballots and notice of the deadline date of receipt of the ballots shall be sent to all eligible voting members of the Lodge no later than four weeks prior to the date of the counting of the ballots.
- Sec. 3 Officers elected will officially take office on July 1, following election and will be ceremoniously inducted on the Lodge's Spring Fellowship Weekend following election.

#### ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF LODGE OFFICERS

- Sec. 1 Elected Officers:
1. Lodge Chief. The Lodge Chief is to serve in an administrative capacity and as such, it is not mandatory that he be present in attendance at any of the several camps operated by the Nassau County Council, for the full summer. It shall be the duty of the Lodge Chief, however, to appoint, with the approval of the Camp Director, one representative to assume full responsibility for the operation of the Order of the Arrow at each camp. The Lodge Chief shall coordinate the activities between these several camps to insure that equal opportunities exist.
  2. The Lodge Treasurer shall operate under the supervision of an adult, appointed by the Lodge Chief, to act as advisor and auditor. Not less than three months, nor more than six, the Lodge Treasurer shall call together the members of the Finance Committee for the purpose of drawing up a proposed budget for the following administration, following the election of the new administration. The Treasurer shall act as chairman, and not less than one third of said committee shall be composed of adults. The budget shall be compiled and presented to the Lodge for its approval at the yearly meeting of the Lodge at which the ballot of officers is presented. At the close of the Treasurer's term, the Treasurer and Advisor will make records, receipts, and other material pertaining to the office, available to an auditing committee of three, ap-



pointed by the Lodge Chief or Lodge Advisor at an Executive Committee meeting, before turning such records and funds over to their successors.

3. Recording Secretary: He shall be responsible for recording the names of all new members in the appropriate places, and for the distribution of membership cards, with the help of the corresponding secretary.

## Sec. 2 Appointed Officers

1. Quartermaster- He shall serve under the direction of, and be accountable to, the Treasurer. He shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief. The quartermaster shall have complete charge of the Lodge O.A. supplies, placing orders only after the approval of the Lodge Chief or the Lodge Advisor, and accounting to the Treasurer for all sales of said supplies.
2. College Secretary- The Lodge Chief shall appoint a collegian to fulfill the position of college secretary. It is recommended that this be a collegian residing at home and attending a local college.
  - (a) The College Secretary shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Lodge and shall perform his duties under the direction of the Corresponding Secretary.
  - (b) He shall keep an up-to-date list of all collegians in the Lodge and shall be responsible for keeping said collegians informed of all principal functions of the Lodge. He shall also inform the collegians of the requirements for Brotherhood.
  - (c) He shall compile a list of vacations in a school year and endeavor to have some of the Lodge functions coincide with these dates.
3. Past Lodge Chief- In the event that the immediate Past Lodge Chief is unable to fulfill his position, as an advisor to the present Lodge Chief, on the Executive Committee, the present Lodge Chief may appoint any of the past Lodge Chiefs to fulfill this position.
4. Parliamentarian- He shall be the official interpreter of the Bylaws of the Buckskin Lodge. He shall see that all business meetings of the Lodge be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
5. Historian- He shall compile a history of Buckskin Lodge. He shall be a member of the Executive Committee and he shall have an adult advisor to work with him. Once a year, preferably at the Buckskin Banquet, he shall be prepared to deliver a history of the Lodge's activities during the past year.

## ARTICLE VIII \* AMENDMENTS

The Rules and Regulations may be amended in the following manner:

1. The proposed amendment is submitted to the chairman of the policy committee.
2. The Policy Committee Chairman shall submit the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee of the Buckskin Lodge for consideration. A majority of votes in the Executive Committee is necessary for the amendment to take effect.

## ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 The Lodge Chief shall appoint the following committees:

1. Orientation Committee- to instruct new Lodge members in the procedures of Buckskin Lodge.
2. Service Committee- to establish service projects and render service on the local district level.



3. Brotherhood Committee- to carry out the induction of Ordeal members into Brotherhood.
4. Home Troop Elections Committee- to establish and carry out elections in all eligible units in Nassau County Council.
5. Vigil Honor Committee- to select candidates for the Vigil Honor.
6. Nominating Committee- to select a slate of officers to be presented to Buckskin Lodge.
7. Policy Committee- to keep the Rules and Regulations of the Lodge up to date. It shall also act as a check on all Lodge functions to judge whether they conform with the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations.
8. Ceremonial Committee- to establish and train ceremonial teams for Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor inductions, and to see to the maintenance of the ceremonial costumes of the Lodge.
9. Finance Committee- to draw up a yearly budget to be presented to the Buckskin Lodge.
10. Activities Committee- to arrange all Lodge functions, and to provide service for events on the Council level.
11. Buckskin Tab Committee- to publish the Buckskin Tab, the Lodge's official newspaper.
12. Membership Committee- to maintain accurate, up-to-date records of the membership of the Lodge.
13. Dance Team- to provide Indian dancing demonstrations as requested by any unit or district.
14. Banquet Committee- to organize the annual Buckskin Banquet, held during the Christmas vacation.
15. Camp Promotions Committee- to promote unit attendance at any of the various camps operated by the Nassau County Council, both for summer camp and for year-round camping.

Sec. 2 The Lodge Chief shall appoint such other committees as are deemed necessary for the Buckskin Lodge.

#### ARTICLE X - RECORDS

It is strongly recommended that a report of the activities and operations of the Buckskin Lodge be deposited in the office of the Nassau County Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the close of each administration, along with a complete report of the Home Troop Elections Committee.

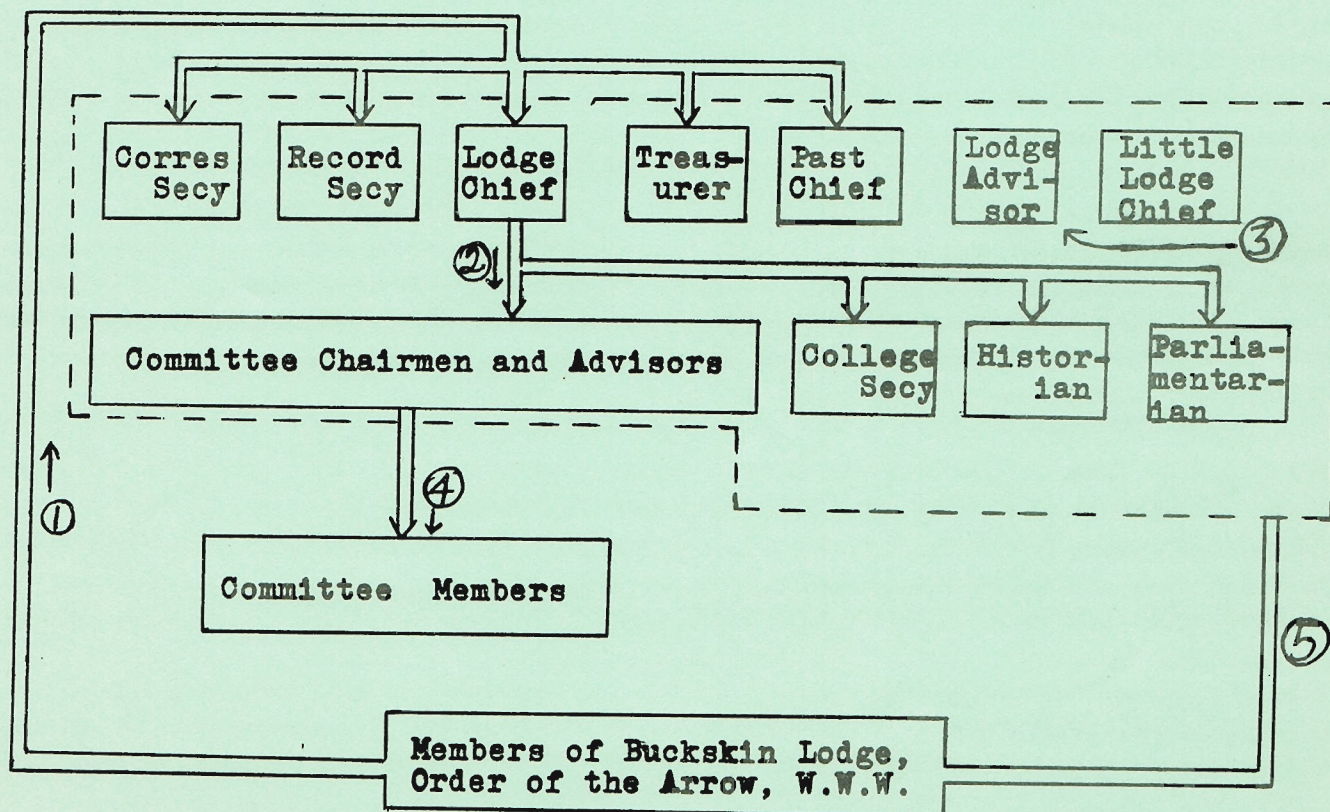


## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...

### AND HOW IT OPERATES

The membership of the Lodge elect a Lodge Chief, a Little Lodge Chief, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Lodge Chief appoints the remainder of his Executive Committee including chairmen and advisors of the Lodge committees. The latter in turn select the members of their committee from volunteers from the Lodge membership.

These committees formulate their ideas, and through their respective committee chairmen and advisors, present their plans to the Executive Committee. After reviewing the plans this committee presents the plans to the Lodge through the Lodge Chief.



#### KEY TO DIAGRAM

1. Officers are elected by the members of the Lodge each spring.
2. Chairmen and advisors for each committee are selected by the Lodge Chief.
3. The Lodge Advisor is appointed by the Scout Executive.
4. The committees are composed of those members of the Lodge who express a desire to serve and are selected by the Chairman.

The Executive Committee discusses a particular plan and then after approval submits it to the members of the Lodge through the Lodge Chief.



## LODGE COMMITTEES...

### AND THEIR DUTIES

- ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE- To organize bowling parties, weekends, and other functions of the Lodge; To provide service for events on the Council level, such as the Exposition.
- BANQUET COMMITTEE- To organize the annual Lodge banquet, held during the Christmas vacation.
- BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE- To conduct the induction of Ordeal members of the Lodge into the Brotherhood Honor.
- BUCKSKIN TAB COMMITTEE- To publish the Buckskin Tab, the Lodge's official newspaper. It is issued monthly.
- CAMP PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE- To encourage unit attendance at summer camp as well as year-round camping; To maintain a list of local campsites.
- CEREMONIAL COMMITTEE- To maintain Lodge council rings at Camp Wauwepex and Onteora Scout Reservation, and the totems and decorations in the rings; To maintain the ceremonial costumes of the Lodge.
- DANCE TEAM COMMITTEE- To provide demonstrations of Indian costumes and dancing both for Lodge members and for non-Order events.
- FINANCE COMMITTEE- To draw up a yearly budget to be presented to the Lodge.
- HOME TROOP ELECTION COMMITTEE- To arrange for and conduct the election of new members into the Order each spring.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- To maintain accurate, up-to-date records of the membership of the Lodge.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE- To screen the Lodge membership in order to arrive at a slate of qualified candidates for the annual spring election of officers.
- ORIENTATION COMMITTEE- To inform Council Scouting of the Order and the Lodge; To instruct new Lodge members in the procedures of the Lodge; To issue the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.
- POLICY COMMITTEE- To maintain the Rules and Regulations of Buckskin Lodge.
- SERVICE COMMITTEE- To establish service projects and render service on the local district level; To arrange for service projects and taskmasters on weekends.
- VIGIL COMMITTEE- To conduct the induction of Brotherhood members of the Lodge into the Vigil Honor.

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### HOW YOU CAN JOIN

The committees of the Buckskin Lodge are composed of volunteers from the membership of the Lodge. You, as an active Buckskin, should attempt to serve on at least one of them. You can learn the name of the current committee chairman by calling the editor of the Buckskin Tab whose name and phone number appear in every issue of the Tab. The committee chairman can explain in detail the duties of the committee, when and where it meets, and how you can join. Committee chairmen are also listed annually in the September issue of the Buckskin Tab.



## BUCKSKIN TRADITIONS

Many Indian traditions are found in the Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow. The group that gave rise to the Order in Nassau was the Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex. Originally started by "Chief" Howard Covey and Irving "Southy" Southworth, the organization followed Indian Lore and took its name from Dan Beard's Buckskin Men.

The Tab that is used by the Lodge was the totem of this earlier society. It consisted of a white leather Tab upon which is drawn a pine tree whose three points represent the qualities of Trustworthiness, Service, and Self-Reliance. Upon the pine tree is the superimposed profile of a wolf's head, standing for Self-Reliance. To show Service, the Buckskins wore a white squaw feather at special camp functions, and a blue neckerchief with a white stripe on it. Superimposed on the stripe of the neckerchief is now a red arrow.

Because our Lodge emblems are so rich and full of meaning, no Brother has ever traded them. For this reason our Lodge is held in high esteem. For trading, a recent addition has been made to our Lodge totems--the trading patch, which may be worn on the right shirt pocket flap or sewn to a white neckerchief. This is the only Lodge totem that may be traded.

For attending national conferences which are held every two years, a special neckerchief is designed. One half is always grey. The other half is a different color for each conference.

## ANNUAL CALENDAR

Certain of the Lodge's events are annual affairs. They occur at about the same time each year. Dates and places of these and all other Lodge activities may be found in the column, "Arrow Activities," which appears in each issue of the Buckskin Tab, the Lodge's newspaper. Following is a list of these annual events:

In the fall, at least one service weekend is held, at Camp Wauwepex or at Onteora Scout Reservation. The weekend's schedule includes Ordeal and Brotherhood inductions.

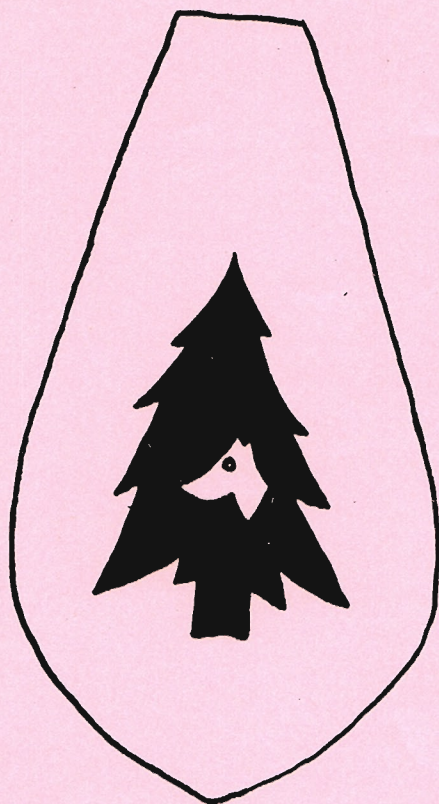
In the winter, sometime between Christmas and New Year's Day, the Buckskin Banquet is held.

In the spring, two service weekends are usually scheduled, one at Camp Wauwepex and one at Onteora Scout Reservation. Also in the Spring of each year a Lodge meeting is held at Harkness for the purpose of explaining and instructing in the Home Troop Elections procedure for the coming year.

In the summer, inductions are held at the Council camps in each period, and service to the camps is carried out. In August, Area 2-J Conclaves and National Conferences are held on alternating years, both of which are attended by delegations from the Lodge.

Year-round, usually monthly, bowling parties are held in Nassau bowling alleys. The Executive Committee usually meets on the last Sunday of the month at Harkness. While non-committee members may not participate officially, they may attend these committee meetings and will be heard.





chiefs of  
our lodge...



PAST  
LODGE  
CHIEFS  
OF  
BUCKSKIN LODGE

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BOB HAYS - September 1949 to September 1950. When the Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex joined the Order of the Arrow as the Buckskin Lodge, Bob Hays became our first Lodge Chief....During his administration the Lodge had its first Ordeal Ceremony....The Buckskin gate was the first Ordeal project of the Lodge....The Lodge attended its first National Conference, held at Bloomington, Indiana.

HENRY SCHNEIDER - September 1950 to September 1951. After Henry took office it was decided to make the Chief's ceremonial bonnet all white.... Service projects expanded to include Council-wide activities such as service at Scouters' Dinners, polo matches, etc.....The Lodge held its first Brotherhood ceremony.

BILL HARPER - September 1951 to September 1952. During Bill's administration the Lodge saw many changes....The bylaws were changed to create the offices of Junior and Senior Lodge Chief. The Executive Committee then included six members: Lodge Chief, Junior and Senior Lodge Chiefs, Lodge Advisor, Treasurer, and Secretary....It was the last time elections for Ordeal members were held in the camp, and the last time for voting Ordeal members into Brotherhood....The Lodge established its first permanent ring site....The Buckskin Tab put in its appearance....Sheepskins started to build the Wauwepex Amphitheater....A delegation of twenty-three Brothers attended the National Conference at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

DICK SCHAEFER - September 1952 to April 1954. A new Brotherhood procedure, and the establishment of a dance team were a few of the innovations made in our Lodge during Dick's administration....The Lodge started service projects on a district level....There was a complete revision of the bylaws which included a change in the Executive Committee to include Lodge Chief, Little Lodge Chief, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and Lodge Advisor....The chairmen and advisors of all committees became members of a central advisory board....Elections of Lodge Officers was held on the spring weekend rather than in September....The Lodge held its first Home Troop Elections....A Vigil Honor Committee was established....An Area Conclave was held in Siwanoy, New York.

BILL SCOLLAY - April 1954 to April 1955. During Bill's administration, the Lodge held its first Vigil Honor induction at which four Buckskins--Dave LeFebre, Ken Quick, Leroy Brown, and Doug Mathewson--were called out....The Lodge sent a delegation to the National Conference at Laramie, Wyoming....The Brotherhood procedure changed to conform with the national procedure.

DICK WARD - April 1955 to September 1956. During Dick's administration, amendments to the bylaws stated that officers would be elected in the spring as before, but that they would not assume office until the following fall. Thus Dick was in office for eighteen months....Extensive work was done on the Dance Team, which was evident at summer camp fires....The Lodge used call-outs at night for the first time at camp....There was again a change in the Brotherhood procedure.



RAY KLAUSEN - September 1956 to September 1957. Ray was the first Chief to be installed under a new procedure which required each Lodge officer to undergo a period of training before formally taking office....An Orientation Committee was established to acquaint new members better with Order procedures....Further progress was made with the Camp Wauwepex ceremonial ring with the installation of three permanent carved candelabras and permanent seats....Because of the growth of Onteora, the Lodge established a ceremonial ring and teams there....At the close of summer camp of 1956, Buckskins attended the National Conference at Bloomington, Indiana.

DICK HARPER - September 1957 to September 1958. The Buckskin Lodge was host for the Area 2-A Conclave held at Camp Wauwepex during the first month of Dick's term of office....A feature of Dick's administration were informal Executive Committee meetings which alternated with regular meetings, and which proved very successful....Chief Harper established the new Policy Committee which then revised the bylaws concerning the Home Troop Election procedure, new officers taking office, and the various duties of the officers....In August, 1958, nineteen Brothers represented the Lodge at the National Conference in Lawrence, Kansas.

LEO KANAWANDA - September 1958 to September 1959. During this period the Constitution was revised with new rules and regulations....The Lodge Handbook was finalized and issued....The Lodge became self-supporting as dues were inaugurated--one "Buckskin"....The Lodge had an important part in an exceptional Scouting presentation at the Mineola Fair....The first Order of the Arrow totem pole was erected at Onteora Scout Reservation.

DOUGLAS SCHMIDT - September 1959 to September 1960. During Doug's regime, the new Lodge pocket trading patch was issued....The Regional Conclave was held at Noteemung with Buckskin Lodge in charge of all discussion groups....The dance team won first place, retaining permanent possession of the 'coon skin....Dennis Langley was elected Chief of Area 2-A....Buckskin Lodge burned down.

THOMAS HALDEMAN - September 1960 to July 1961. In Tom's administration the Lodge Brotherhood method changed. Instead of sending letters to those active 10 months or more, an invitation was put in the Tab for the benefit of those who had fulfilled the requirements. Those interested in sealing their vows sent in the required letter....On June 4th and 5th, 76 Brothers represented the Lodge at the Area 2-A Conclave held at Baiting Hollow....400 Brothers were inducted into the Order, largest of any year to date.

ROBERT CANORO - July 1961 to July 1962. During Bob's administration a very successful "Where to Go Camping" pamphlet was published....Brotherhood procedure underwent another major change, with all reviewing of applications discontinued....Bob led twenty Buckskins to the 46th National Order of the Arrow Convention at Bloomington, Indiana.

MORTY SCHWARTZ - July 1962 to July 1963. This was the year of record-breaking attendance. The O.S.R. Fall Fellowship Weekend was attended by 450 and the annual Banquet by 770...The Ordeal Ring at Camp Wauwepex was dedicated to Hector A. Donderi....\$300 gift was given to the Council to construct a program shelter in the Junior Leader Training Campsite at the Onteora Scout Reservation.



THOMAS BLIGH - July 1963 to July 1964. Tom led the Buckskins to the National Conference at the University of Illinois....The Buckskin Amphitheater Monument was erected at Camp Wauwepex on the Spring Service Weekend....A gift of \$550 was given to the Council for the purchase of row boats to be used at the Council camps....A new attendance record was set at the O.S.R. Fall Weekend and at the annual Buckskin Banquet.

VICTOR LAMBERT - July 1964 to .... Vic is currently in office.

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