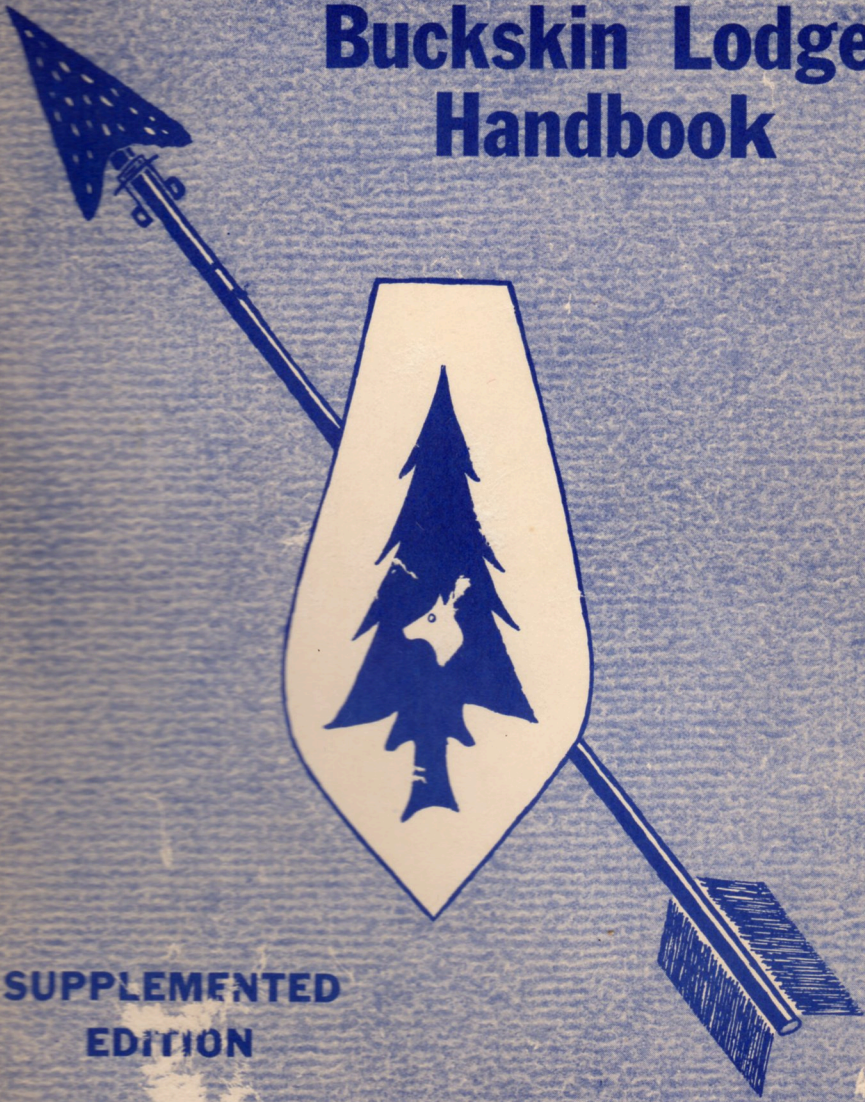
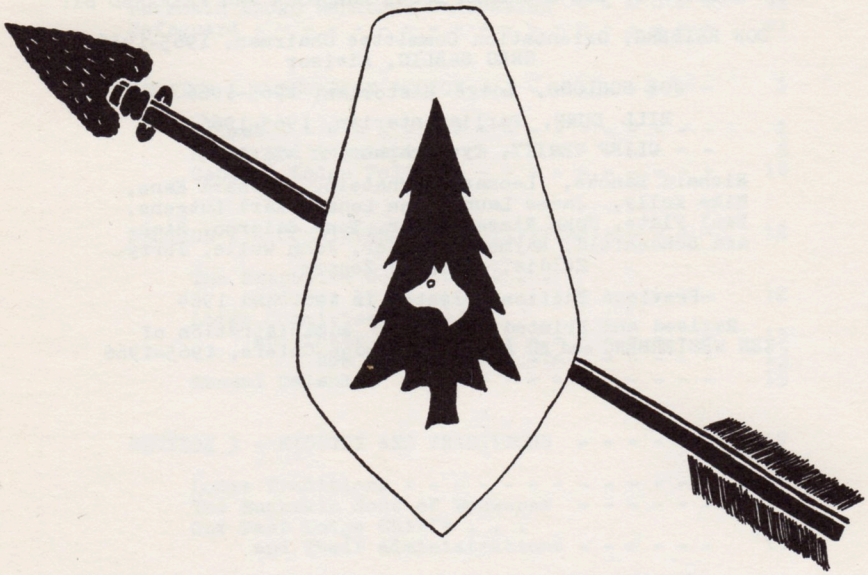
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Personal Service and

My name is _____

Address _____

I became an ORDEAL member on _____ (date) in the

_____ (name and number) Lodge at _____ (place).

I became a BROTHERHOOD member on _____ (date) in the

_____ (name and number) Lodge at _____ (place).

I was called to the VIGIL HONOR on _____ (date) in the

_____ (name and number) Lodge at _____ (place).

My Vigil name is _____

which means _____.

(If transfered) I transfered to Buckskin Lodge on _____ (date).

* * *

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Membership Record

I have attended the following other Lodge Activities:

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I have served on these committees or held these offices in the Lodge:

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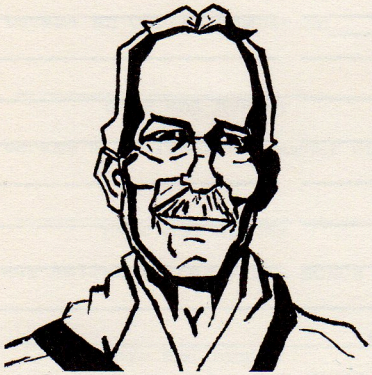
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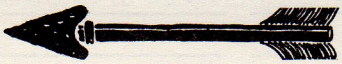
E. URNER GOODMAN



Although Dr. Goodman, the man who founded our Order over fifty years ago, physically stands just over five feet, he is truly a giant among men. All through his life he has given of himself, and his only wish is that we as Arrowmen preserve his ideals of Cheerfulness, Brotherhood, and Service.

To him we extend out appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the past fifty years and to him we dedicate our work which is physically manifested in this, the 1966-1967 Edition of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.

(Picture drawn by and Dedication written by Paul Plate)



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S A F E G U A R D E D

The Order of the Arrow, recognizing the attractiveness of the unknown, utilizes the form of mystery. The information contained in Section 4 of this Handbook is to be seen only by members of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, W. W.

SECTION 1 - BUCKSKIN POLICY

The policy that governs Buckskin Lodge is contained in Section 1. The "Bylaws" include the basic rules and the "Rules and Regulations" are an extention of the "Bylaws." The part on "General Lodge Policy" includes important motions passed by the Executive Committee.

Bylaws

OF THE BUCKSKIN LODGE #412, ORDER OF THE ARROW, W.W.W.,
NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AFFILIATION OF LODGE

The name of this Lodge shall be the Buckskin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow, W.W.W., and shall be affiliated with Nassau County Council, Boy Scouts of America, and under the supervision of the council camping and activities committee and the administrative authority of its Scout Executive.

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 only at 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 stand-

ing 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 and is worn at all Lodge and Order of the Arrow functions only.

SECTION 4 - Lodge patches are available for trading purposes.

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.

SECTION 4 - A member in good standing of the Buckskin Lodge must be registered in the Boy Scouts of America and be current in payment of his Lodge dues. A member in good standing is considered an active member. Only members in good standing under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be eligible to vote in all Lodge elections, hold office, and serve on committees and in other capacities.

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 - The election for officers of the Lodge shall take place on March 1 but in no case later than 30 days thereafter.

SECTION 2 - 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 3 - 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 deadline date of the receipt of the ballots.

SECTION 4 - 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 be composed of two members from each district of the Nassau County Council. Further details are listed in the "Rules and Regulations" section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.

SECTION 5 - 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 deadline date of the receipt of all ballots. The number of signatures required shall be twenty-five.

SECTION 6 - 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.

SECTION 7 - Officers elected will officially take office on June 1st following election and will be ceremoniously installed on the Lodge's Spring Fellowship Weekend or at a time and place to be selected.

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 Chiefs. 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 chairman of the membership committee and responsible for all membership records of the Buckskin Lodge. He shall take minutes of all the Lodge events and keep them in the Lodge records. He shall be responsible for publishing, annually, a list of all members of the Lodge.

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 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 - The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers and their appointed advisors, the immediate Past Lodge Chief, appointed officers and their advisors, and any other official listed in the "Rules and Regulations" section of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook.

SECTION 2 - The Executive Committee shall be responsible for conduct of all affairs of the Lodge. It shall meet monthly with the exception of July and August at such times and at such place as may be designated by the Lodge Chief.

SECTION 3 - The council executive shall appoint a Lodge Advisor in consultation with the Camping and Activities Committee chairman of the Council.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Chairmen of Lodge Committees shall be appointed annually and shall complete their appointed terms prior to reaching the age of twenty-one.

SECTION 1 - 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.

SECTION 2 - Advisors to committees shall be at least twenty-one years of age and shall be appointed annually by the Lodge Chief in consultation with the Lodge Advisor.

ARTICLE XI - 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. It shall be published regularly during the Lodge year.

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 XIV - 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 be presented at an Executive Committee meeting at which at least three-quarters of the committees are present. The amendment must receive a two-thrids vote of the Executive Committee members present.

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.

Rules and Regulations

OF THE BUCKSKIN LODGE #412, ORDER OF THE ARROW, W.W.W.
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

SECTION 1 - Every newly inducted member shall be required to pay an induction fee to cover expenses and other necessities of the induction.

SECTION 2 - Every member of the Lodge shall be required to pay in advance a fee 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 4 - Monies of the Lodge shall be maintained in a bank selected by the council office and shall go through all normal accounting procedures used by the council. Vouchers 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.

SECTION 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

SECTION 1 - Ordeal--The requirements for eligibility for induction as an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow 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 had 15 days and nights of Scout camping, no more than 7 of which may be compiled through long term camping. Long terms are defined as more than five successive nights.

SECTION 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 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.

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

SECTION 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 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

SECTION 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 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 Article 4, Section 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.

SECTION 2 - In the event that a unit qualifies for an election, a Scouter may be elected. Only one Scouter, who must meet the camping requirements as the Scouts, may be elected each year, The Scouter will be elected by the adult members of the unit.

SECTION 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

Lodge officers shall be under twenty-one years of age for their entire term of office.

SECTION 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. Two representatives 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.

SECTION 2 - Lodge officers shall be elected for a term of one year by mail-in ballot. The ballots and notice of the deadline of receipt of the ballots shall be sent to all eligible voting members of the Lodge no later than four weeks prior to the deadline date of the receipt of the ballots.

SECTION 3 - Officers elected will officially take office on June first following election and will be ceremoniously installed on the Lodge's Spring Fellowship Weekend or at a time and place to be selected.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF LODGE OFFICERS

SECTION 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. Sixty days prior to but not less than forty—five days prior to June 1 of each year, the Lodge Treasurer shall call a meeting of the Finance Committee to prepare a proposed budget for the next 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 presented to the Executive Committee for approval at the April meeting of the committee.

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, appointed by the Lodge Chief or Lodge Advisor with the approval of the Executive Committee, 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.

SECTION 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 College Secretary.

(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 the 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

SECTION 1 - The Lodge Chief shall appoint the following committees as deemed necessary:

1. Orientation Committee- to instruct new Lodge members in the procedures of Buckskin Lodge.

2. Service Committee- to be in charge of all district and council service activities, and co-ordinate service projects on work weekends.

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 ballot 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 "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 pre-

sented to the Buckskin Lodge.

10. Activities Committee- to plan all Lodge social activities and, working with the Service and Ceremonial Committees, formulate the program for work weekends.

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 and execute the Annual Buckskin Banquet held in December. It will operate only from June 1 to January 15. Any business pertaining to the following administration's banquet before June 1 will be handled by the present Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor.

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.

SECTION 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.

General Lodge Policy

The items listed below are motions that were passed at Executive Committee Meetings. The date given is the date that the particular motion as printed was passed.

Motion passed on 9/12/65:
"A detailed report of any Lodge sponsored activity is to be submitted by the chairman of the group to the Executive Committee."

Motion passed on 9/12/65:
"Minutes of an Executive Meeting shall be read for approval at the end of that meeting."

Motion passed on 9/12/65:
"Debates shall be limited to five minutes per person at an Executive Meeting on one particular issue.

Motion passed on 10/10/65:
"If a Committee Chairman does not attend an Executive Meeting, it is his responsibility to send a non-voting representative to that meeting."

Motion passed on 10/10/65:
"Three absences of a Committee Chairman from an Executive Meeting is grounds for his removal by the Lodge Chief."

Motion passed on 10/10/65:
"The Trunk Report shall be in the same form as the Treasurer's report."

Motion passed on 11/7/65:
"In the event that any Lodge Officer must be absent from or must leave a Lodge Function, he will designate a certain individual to insure that his official responsibility shall be carried out.

Motion passed on 1/9/66:
"Prion to an Executive Meeting, the minutes from the meeting shall be distributed with notice of the meeting and the agendas to all members of the Executive Committee, and that the minutes shall not be read, but only approved and corrected at the next meeting."

Motion passed on 2/13/66:
"The Lodge Chief-elect shall have his Executive Committee Chairmen designated and divide the duties between his two Little Lodge Chiefs by June 1st so that the Executive Committee Meeting in June will be the transitional meeting between the two administrations."

Motion passed on 2/13/66:
"All committee chairmen must submit a detailed resume of the year's activities, as well as the duties and intricacies of his committee, including a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers, along with all committee supplies to the new chairman by June 1st."

Motion passed on 2/13/66:
"The outgoing officers must present a detailed resume of their activities, as well as the duties and intricacies of their office, turn over all supplies, and collaborate with the officers-elect to aid their new position."

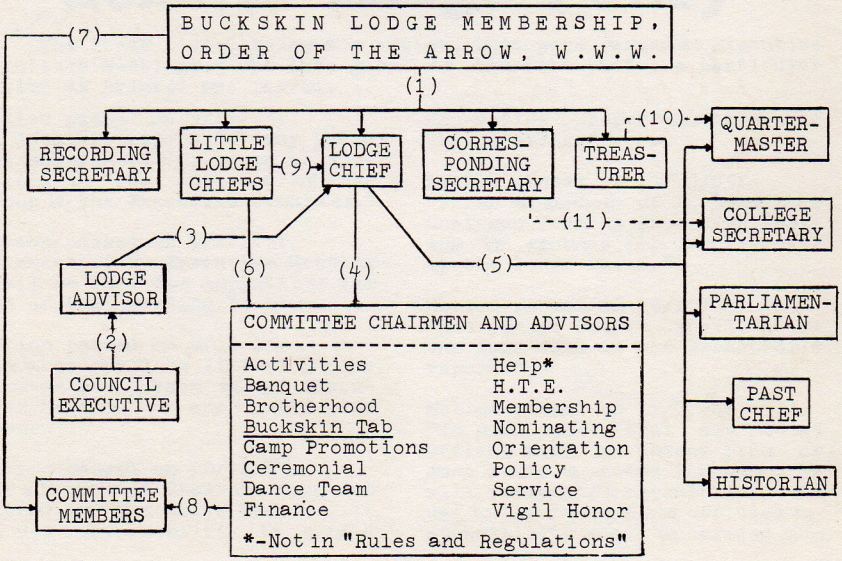
SECTION 2 - COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

A diagram of the Executive Committee as well as detailed information on each of the permanent Lodge committees is included in Section 2. A list of the annual events of Buckskin Lodge is also included.

The Executive Committee...

and How it Operates

The membership of the Lodge elects a Lodge Chief, two Little Lodge Chiefs, 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 chairmen select the members of their committee from volunteers out of the Lodge membership. The committees formulate their ideas, and, through their respective committee chairman, present their plans to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee discusses a particular plan and, after approval, submits it to the members of the Lodge through the Lodge Chief at a Lodge Meeting.

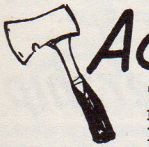


KEY TO DIAGRAM

(1) Officers are elected by the members of the Lodge for a one-year term lasting from June 1 to May 31.
(2) The Council Executive, after consulting the Council's Camping and Activities Committee Chairman, appoints a Lodge Advisor.
(3) The Lodge Advisor advises the Lodge Chief in the running of the Lodge.
(4) The Lodge Chief selects chairmen and advisors for the various committees. He is permitted to appoint additional committees if they are deemed necessary for the Buckskin Lodge.
(5) Various other officers are appointed by the Chief.
(6) Each of the Little Lodge Chiefs are responsible for checking on half of the committees.
(7) Members of the Lodge may express a desire to serve on any of the committees.
(8) The committee chairmen select from the volunteers (#7) those who will serve on his committee.
(9) One of the Little Lodge Chiefs assumes the responsibilities of the Lodge Chief in the event of his absence.
(10) The Quartermaster is responsible to the Treasurer
(11) The College Secretary is responsible to the Corresponding Secretary.

Lodge Committees . . .

and Their Duties



Activities.

The Activities Committee plans all Lodge social activities. Working with the Service and Ceremonial committees, they formulate and carry out the program for the work weekends.



Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood Committee is responsible for the induction of Ordeal members of the Lodge into the Brotherhood. The committee sends out letters to all eligible Brothers explaining the Brotherhood each spring. Only Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members may join this committee.



Banquet..

The Banquet Committee organizes the Annual Buckskin Banquet, held in December of each year, usually during the Christmas vacation. It is active only from June 1 to January 1 and the Lodge Chief or Advisor carries out any business before June 1.



Buckskin Tab

The Buckskin Tab Committee publishes the Lodge's official newspaper, the Buckskin Tab. It is issued regularly during the year. Brothers who like to write or who have typing ability are needed on this committee.



Camp Promotions

The Camp Promotions committee encourages units to attend summer camp at Onteora and Wauwepex as well as to camp the year-round. Members of the committee are asked to show slides and movies of camping at unit meetings. The committee also is in charge of the publication of the Where To Go booklet, listing campsites and places to visit.



Ceremonial.

The Ceremonial Committee maintains the Lodge's council rings at Camp Wauwepex and Onteora Scout Reservation as well as the totems and decorations in the rings. The ceremonial costumes of the Lodge are kept in good condition by the committee and new ones are made when needed. Members of the Lodge who would like to take part in the ceremonies are trained by the committee.



Dance Team

The Dance Team provides demonstrations of Indian costumes and Indian dancing for Lodge members and for non-Order events. Dance Team members are trained in the various dances by other members of the team.



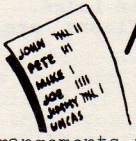
Finance.

The Finance Committee works along with the Treasurer to draw up a yearly budget to be presented to the Lodge in the spring. The budget covers the period from June 1 to May 31.



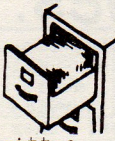
Help.....

The Help Committee is the Corresponding Secretary's committee. It's members help the Corresponding Secretary by getting out the Lodge's mail. It is not a permanent committee because the Help Committee is not listed in the "Rules and Regulations," but it has a big job to do.



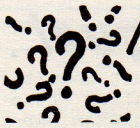
H. T. E....

The Home Troop Elections Committee makes all the arrangements for and carries out Order of the Arrow elections in the eligible units of the Council. The districts are sub-divided and sub-chairman are appointed. Many Brothers are needed to conduct the elections in their area. Elections are held from February 1 through April 30.



Membership

The Membership committee is the Recording Secretary's committee. It maintains accurate, up-to-date records of the membership of the Lodge.



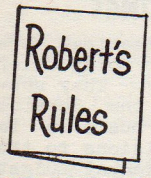
Nominating

The Nominating Committee screens the Lodge membership each winter in order to arrive at a slate of qualified candidates for the annual election of officers held in the spring. Two candidates are nominated for each elected office.



Orientation.

The Orientation Committee informs Council Scouting of the Order and the Lodge through articles in the Nassau Charger. It instructs new Lodge members in the procedures of the Lodge. When necessary, it issues the Buckskin Lodge Handbook, an official Lodge publication.



Policy...

The Policy Committee maintains the "By-laws" and "Rules and Regulations" of the Buckskin Lodge. The Parliamentarian, the chairman, makes sure that order is kept at Executive meetings.



Service..

The Service Committee is in charge of all district and council service activities such as Camporees, Expositions, and Cavalcades. The committee coordinates service projects on the work weekends by working with the Activities committee.



Vigil.....

The Vigil Honor Committee conducts the induction of Brotherhood members of the Lodge into the Vigil Honor. Only Vigil members of the Lodge are permitted to join the committee.

How You Can Join

The committees of the Buckskin Lodge are composed of volunteers from the Lodge membership. You, as an active Buckskin, should attempt to serve on at least one of them. The details as to what each committee is responsible for are listed above. The names and telephone numbers of the committee chairmen are listed in the Buckskin Tab whenever the committee has a report. The names of the remaining chairmen may be obtained by calling one of the Little Lodge Chiefs. (See page ii for their phone numbers.)

All that you have to do to join a committee is contact the chairman and volunteer your service. Unless the committee is already full (and very few of them ever are) your services will be welcomed. The chairman will fill you in on the plans for the year.

Annual Calendar

Most of the Lodge's events are annual affairs. They occur at about the same time each year. The dates and places of all these activities, as well as any other Lodge event that may come about, are included in the "Arrow Activities" column in every issue of the Buckskin Tab, our official newspaper. Following is a list of the annual events.

SERVICE WEEKENDS

In the fall of each year, there are two service and fellowship weekends held: one at Onteora Scout Reservation in September and the other at Camp Wauwepex in October. Ordeal and Brotherhood inductions are held on both of these weekends. A similiar OA Weekend is held at Camp Wauwepex in April. Late in May, at Onteora, a service and fellowship weekend is conducted but there are no inductions.

At different times during the year, the Service Committee plans Work Days at the Harkness Training Center.

BUCKSKIN BANQUET

Each December, usually during the Christmas Vacation, the Annual Buckskin Banquet is held. The Banquet is one of the highlights of the Lodge year and is a great chance for fellowship.

SUMMER CAMP

During the summer, the Order is very active at both of the summer camps: Onteora and Wauwepex. Inductions, both Ordeal and Brotherhood, are held during all periods when Scouts attend camp. Service to the camps is carried out during the Ordeals. Call-outs for the Vigil Honor are held at the Visitors' Day campfire during the first period at Wauwepex and during the third period at Onteora

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee of the Lodge meets monthly with the exception of July and August at the Harkness Training Center. These meetings are usually held on Sunday afternoons. Members of the Lodge are invited and urged to attend and they will be heard even though they may not participate officially as the chairmen and officers do.

LODGE MEETINGS

General Lodge Meetings are held whenever the Lodge Chief deems them necessary. They usually are held on the Service Weekends. General business is discussed, and revisions to the "Bylaws" and the annual budget are voted upon.

CONCLAVES

Area 2-J Conclaves are held at different times during each year. Only Brothers from our Area (Long Island, New York City, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) attend the Conclaves.

CONFERENCES

National Order of the Arrow Conferences are usually held during August of the odd-numbered years at large, Mid-Western universities. Arrowmen from all over the country gather for these great events.

SECTION 3 - HISTORY & TRADITIONS

An explanation of the rich traditions of Buckskin Lodge in addition to a summary of the Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex and of each of the Lodge Chiefs' administrations will be found in Section 3.

Buckskin Traditions

Many Indian traditions are found in the Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow, because the Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex, originally started by "Chief" Howard Covey and Irving "Southy" Southworth, followed Indian Lore. The organization took its name from Dan Beard's Buckskin Men. Because the Tab, Lodge Neckerchief, and Feather are so rich and full of meaning, no Brother has ever traded them. For this reason our Lodge is held in high esteem.

THE TAB – OUR TOTEM

The Tab that is still worn by members of the Lodge today was the totem of the earlier organization. It is the totem of the Buckskin Lodge. The Tab 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 the superimposed profile of a wolf's head, standing for Self-Reliance.

Many Brothers have the back of their tab signed by their taskmaster, guide, Brotherhood Sponsor or anyone else that they feel should sign it.

THE NECKERCHIEF

The Buckskin Sons wore a royal blue neckerchief with a white stripe vertically down the back of it to represent service. Our Lodge uses the same neckerchief except that a red arrow is superimposed on the stripe, pointing over the left shoulder. It symbolized the Order of the Arrow. The neckerchief is worn at all Order events.

For attending National O.A. Conferences, which are held every two years, a special neckerchief is designed. One half is always gray and the other half is a different color for each conference.

THE FEATHER

A single white Squaw Feather was worn by the Buckskin Sons at special camp functions to stand for service. Buckskin Lodge members still wear the feather at all Lodge functions.

TRADING PATCHES

The only items that can be traded are the pocket flap and the jacket patch. The pocket flap, which can be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform, can be bought in any quantity. Only one jacket patch can be purchased a year by each dues-paying member. A drawing of the Jacket Patch is printed on the back cover of this Handbook.

The Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex

The Buckskins of Camp Wauwepex came into being in 1923, not as a society but as a part of the Camp Program for those interested in Indian Lore. To be a member a Scout must have been a three year camper and a First Class Scout. Like the Plains Indians, a member had to earn the feathers for his bonnet and in order to do this a Scout had to earn Merit Badges.

At the time, there was no camp society recognized by the National Council and many councils had their own requirements for membership. After several seasons, the interest in the Indian Program was abandoned for a different program but the basic one was not dead, and the Buckskins as a Society were born.

As both Chief Covey and Southy had been initiated into the Order of the Arrow at one of the National Conferences, they used many of the ideas of the Arrow Program such as the Tap-Out and the Ordeal. During these years, the National Council adopted the Order of the Arrow as the official Camper Honor Society, but the Buckskins of Wauwepex did not wish to change.

In 1948, the idea of making this change over to the Order of the Arrow was discussed among members, both campers and leaders. A committee was appointed to see how this could be done. The committee met with the National Order of the Arrow Secretary who, after hearing them, said that "Inasmuch as our Ordeal was similar to that of the Order, we could become the Buckskin Lodge after going through an initiation ceremony." The Nassau County Council's Camper Honor Society, the Buckskin Sons, became the Buckskin Lodge #412 of the Order of the Arrow in 1949.

Fourteen Buckskin Sons were inducted at the Area 2-A Conclave held at Camp Manhatten of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps on September 3, 1949. The Tap-Out ceremony was presented by the Ranachaqua Lodge of the Bronx and the Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge of Brooklyn presented the Pre-Ordeal. The Ordeal Ceremony was put on by the Man-A-Hattan Lodge of the Manhattan Council.

Original Manuscript
Was Written By Irving
(Southy) Southworth

Our Past Lodge Chiefs . . .

and Their Administrations

BOB HAYES

September 1949 - September 1950

When the Buckskin Sons of Wauwepex joined of Order of the Arrow as the Buckskin Lodge, Bob Hays became our first Lodge Chief. During his administration, the Lodge held its first Ordeal Ceremony at the Harkness Training Center and about 100 Buckskin Sons were inducted. The Buckskin gate was the first Ordeal project of the Lodge. Bob led the Buckskin Lodge delegation to its first National Order of the Arrow Conference held at the Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, on August 29-31, 1950. Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow, presented the Order of the Arrow leadership medal to Bob when Bob retired as Lodge Chief.

HENRY SCHNEIDER

September 1950 - September 1951

During Henry Schneider's administration, it was decided to make Allowat Sakima's ceremonial bonnet all white. Council-wide activities, such as service at Scouter's Dinners, polo matches, etc., were included in the Lodge's service projects. The first Brotherhood ceremony of the Lodge was held. At the first annual Buckskin Banuqet, held on December 28, 1950, at the Harkness Training Center, the Lodge was priviledged to have as its guest speaker Dr. E. Urner Goodman.

BILL HARPER

September 1951 - September 1952

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 camp, and the last time for voting Ordeal members into Brotherhood. The Lodge established its first permanent ring site at Camp Wauwepex. The Buckskin Tab first appeared in the form of a mimeographed newsletter. Sheepshins started to build the Wauwepex Amphitheater. A delegation of twenty-three Brothers attended the National Conference at Miama University in Oxford, Ohio.

DICK SCHAEFER

September 1952 - April 1954

During Dick's administration, there was a change in the Executive Committee so that it included a Lodge Chief, Little Lodge Chief, Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and Lodge Advisor. A new Brotherhood procedure was established. a record of one hundred attended the 1952 Banquet. The first Home Troop Elections were held in 1953 and many new committees were formed. The election of Lodge Officers was changed from September to the Spring weekend; thus Dick was in office for 18 months. In 1953 the Lodge sent representatives to the Area 2-A conclave as well as the National Conference in Wyoming. Irving (Southy) Southworth was presented with an Indian headress and breastplate made of $400 in bills (real money!) All of the Past Lodge Chiefs attended the 1953 Banquet.

BILL SCOLLAY

April 1954 - April 1955

Bill's administration saw 80 Ordeal members inducted and 30 Arrowmen received Brotherhood. For the first time in the history of the Lodge a Vigil Honor induction was held and Dave LeFebre, Ken Quick, Leroy Brown, Irving Southworth, and Doug Mathewson were called out. On August 26, 1954, four members of Buckskin Lodge started out for Laramie, Wyoming and the 38th Anniversary O.A. Conference. The annual banquet, held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freeport, was cooked by Doug Mathewson and Troop 36. The Frontier Division of Wauwepex was to be open for the first time in 1955 along with the opening of Onteora Scout Reservation. The Brotherhood procedure was changed, conforming to the National procedure.

DICK WARD

April 1955 - September 1956

During Dick's administration, amendments to the "Bylaws" stated that officers would be elected in the spring, but that they would not assume office until the following fall. Thus Dick was in office for eighteen months. At summer camp the Lodge was subjected to the largest influx of Ordeal Members it had ever seen. The Dance team did extensive work at the summer camp fires. At Wauwepex the amphitheater was enlarged. The Sagamore ring was used for the Ordeal Ceremony for the first time. For the first time the Lodge used call-outs. There again was a change in the Brotherhood procedure.

RAY KLAUSEN

September 1956 - September 1957

Ray was elected as Chief at the Spring Weekend of 1956, but under a new procedure, he didn't take office until four months later. The new policy required each Lodge officer to undergo a period of training before formally taking office. Ray led 32 Buckskins to the National Conference at the Indiana University in August, 1956. Further progress was made with Camp Wauwepex ceremonial ring. Permanent seats and carved candelabras were installed. The Lodge established a ceremonial ring and ceremonial teams at Onteora. An Orientation Committee was established to acquaint new members with the procedures of the Order.

DICK HARPER

September 1957 - 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. George Smalling was elected Area 2-A Vice Chief. A feature of Dick's administration was informal Executive Committee meetings which alternated with regular meetings, and which proved very successful. The annual Banquet was held December 30, 1957, at the South Shore Inn. Chief Harper established the new Policy Committee which then revised the "Bylaws" concerning the Home Troop Election proceudre, new officers taking office, and the various duties of the Lodge Officers. In August, 1958, nineteen Brothers represented the Lodge at the National Conference in Lawrence, Kansas.

LEO KANAWANDA

September 1958 - September 1959

During Leo's administration the Constitution was revised with new "Rules and Regulations" and the Lodge Handbook was finalized and issued. Dues of one dollar ("one

Buckskin") per member made the Lodge self-supporting with 559 Brothers paying 1959 dues. The Lodge had an important part in an exceptional Scouting presentation at the Mineola Fair. The first OA totem pole was erected at the Onteora Scout Reservation. The new trading patch was selected.

DOUGLAS SCHMIDT

September 1959 - September 1960

During Douglas' administration, Buckskin Lodge sent 45 Brothers to the Area 2-A Conclave held at a camp of Noteeming Lodge. Our Lodge was in charge of all discussion groups and held the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Dennis Langley from our Lodge was elected Area Chief. The Buckskin Dance Team won first place and retained the "coon" skin. Buckskin Lodge at Camp Wauwepex burned down and it was rebuilt by the end of the summer in 1960. The Lodge issued the new pocket trading patch.

THOMAS HALDEMAN

September 1960 - July 1961

In Tom's administration, the Lodge Brotherhood method was 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. The date of Lodge administration transfer was changed from September 1 to July 1. Because of this, Tom was in office for ten months. A record of 400 Arrowmen attended the Wauwepex Fall Weekend. On June 4th and 5th, 76 Brothers represented the Lodge at the Area 2-A Conclave held at Camp Baiting Hollow, in Suffolk County. 400 Brothers were inducted into the Lodge, largest of any year to date.

ROBERT CANCRO

July 1961 - July 1962

Bob led twenty Buckskins to the 46th Anniversary Order of the Arrow National Conference held at Indiana University from August 21-24. Brotherhood proceedure underwent another major change, with all reviewing of applications discontinued. Early in 1962, the very successful Where to Go pamphlet was published. It included information on places to see, visit, camp, or hike in the New York, New Jersey, and Long Island area.

MORTON SCHWARTZ

July 1962 - July 1963

An estounding total of 450 Buckskins attended the OSR Fall Weekend. A gift of $300 was given to construct a program shelter in the JLTC Program Area at Onteora. More than 770 Buckskins attended the 13th Annual Banquet. The Buckskin Tab as of April 1963 had been changed. A better grade of paper, photo-offset printing, and type reduced to two-thirds of its original size were being used. Fifty Buckskins attended Area 2-A Conclave. The Buckskin Chorus and Dance team preformed at the Long Island Fair. The Camp Wauwepex Ordeal Ring was dedicated to Hector A. Donderi.

THOMAS BLIGH

July 1963 - July 1964

Tom led fifteen Buckskins to the 48th Anniversary National Conference at the University of Illinois. Our Squaw Feathers brought praise and exclamation from those who saw them. A new attendence record was set when over 500 Brothers attended the OSR Fall Weekend and a record was also set at the Fourteenth

Annual Buckskin Banquet. A gift of $550 was given to the Council for the purchase of rowboats to be used at the Council camps. The Buckskin Amphitheater Monument was erected at Camp Wauwepex on the Spring Service Weekend and it serves as a memorial to departed Brothers.

VICTOR LAMBERT

July 1964 - July 1965

Many Buckskin Lodge Brothers attended the National Jamboree at Valley Forge and heard an address by Dr. E. Urner Goodman at the OA Pow-Wow. Dick Blauvelt, who had served in the Council since 1949 as Scout Executive, retired and Donald W. Teisberg took up the reigns of leadership. Some of the most important changes in the "Bylaws" and "Rules and Regulations" were: (1) There would be two Little Lodge Chiefs, (2) Mail-in ballots would be used in elections, and (3) The Nominating Committee would put up a ballot of officers instead of a slate. The Buckskin Lodge Handbook was reprinted. The first Hootenanny was held in February, 1965. Many Brothers began work on the 50th Anniversary Award. An OA Training Course was held at Schiff Scout Reservation. Buckskin Brothers served as guides in addition to running booths at the Scout cavalcade. Buckskin Lodge was very honored and privileged to run the first Ordeal of the Arawak Lodge in the Virgin Islands in 1965.

KEN WESTERBERG and ED ALBINSKI

July 1965 - June 1966

Ken led thrity-two Buckskins and three members of the Arawak Lodge to the Fiftieth Anniversary National Conference held at Indiana University. The Fiftieth Anniversary Award was earned by 58 Brothers. Over 950 Arrowmen attended the Sixteenth Buckskin Banquet. A gift of $800 was made to the Council for purchasing rowboats at Wauwepex and furnishing the Health Lodge at Ontoera. The Lodge jacket patch was issued. We were accepted back into Area 2-J and a delegation attended the Area Training Conference held at Ten Mile River. On the ides of March, Lodge Chief Ken Westerberg was called to serve a larger organization--the U. S. Army. Little Lodge Chief Ed Albinski was selected to finish out Ken's administration as Chief. Extensive changes were made in the "Bylaws" and the "Rules and Regulations." The date of inaguration of officers was changed from July 1 to June 1. A new edition of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook was printed.

TONY SALERNO

June 1966 -

SECTION 4 - NATIONAL O. A.

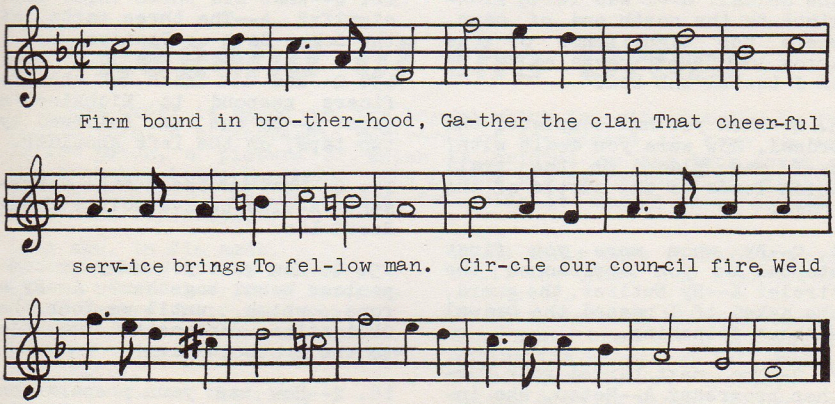
SAFEGUARD THIS SECTION OF THE BUCKSKIN LODGE HANDBOOK! The information printed on pages 23-26 is to be seen by members of the Order of the Arrow only! Section 4 contains the Order of the Arrow Obligation as well as the Official Song, the Brotherhood Questionnaire, and the Legend of the Order.

The Obligation

"I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui, which I have now received. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

O. A. Official Song

WORDS BY E. URNER GOODMAN



7. Assigned members from units other than the Home Unit will, as members of the Order of the Arrow, conduct the election.

8. Method of Election--The election shall be held in the following manner: The names of all unit members eligible for election shall be posted in alphabetical order on a blackboard or large sheet of paper. Each member of the unit will then list on a secret ballot the names of candidates he believes to be best qualified in order of his preference (first choice first, second choice second, etc.) The unit leader and the assigned Order of the Arrow member holding the election will tally the ballots. Candidates with the highest scores are those elected for membership in the Order. If any of those elected is an Eagle Scout, or if (an) Eagle Scout(s) receives the highest vote total, the number of boys to be elected will be increased by the number of Eagle Scouts elected or next in line.

9. Announcement of Results--As soon as the election is completed, the Scoutmaster must announce the names of members who have been elected to the entire unit. The Order of the Arrow members holding the election will forward the names and addresses of the newly elected candidates to the Home Troop Elections Chairman. The candidates will be called out or tapped out at a time to be set by the Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor.

10. Adults 21 years of age or over may not vote in boy elections.

SECTION 2 - Adult Election--In the event that a unit qualified for a boy election, a Scouter 21 years of age or over may also be elected. Only one Scouter, who must meet the same camping requirements as the Scouts or Explorers, may be elected each year. The Scouter will be elected by the adult members 21 years of age or over of the unit.

SECTION 3 - Unit, district, and council Scouters may be invited by the Lodge executive committee to be candidates for induction to membership in the Order of the Arrow. Such Scouters must be approved by the Lodge advisor.

SECTION 4 - To be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, candidates must participate in both the Ordeal and Ordeal ceremony.

BUCKSKIN LODGE #412
ORDER OF THE ARROW

NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

"RULES AND REGULATIONS" CHANGES

Adopted by the Executive Committee - November 12, 1967

(The following changes in the "Rules and Regulations" concern the new Ordeal membership requirements, new Brotherhood requirements, new Vigil Honor quotas, and the changes in the Home Troop Election procedure. The new Article IV and Article V are reproduced below.)

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - Ordeal--The requirements for eligibility for induction as an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow are:

1. The candidate must be an actively registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

2. Camping Requirement--To be eligible for election, a Boy Scout, Explorer, or Scouter must have had at least 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The camping must have been within the 2 years prior to his Order of the Arrow election. The 15 days and nights must include one long-term camp. The balance of the 15 days and nights must be made up of short-term camps. (Long-term camp is defined as 6 consecutive days and nights for Boy Scouts and 5 days and nights for Explorers.)

3. Rank Requirement--A Boy Scout must be First Class rank at the time of his induction into the Order. If he does not attain First Class rank by November 1 of the year of his election, his election becomes invalid. There is no rank requirement for Explorers, but they must have been active, registered members of an Explorer Post or Boy Scout Troop for at least 6 months prior to election.

4. Time from Election to Induction--Normally, a candidate should be inducted by November 1 of the year of his election. Exceptions can be made by the Lodge executive committee when candidates are ill, or if there is some other suitable reason why they cannot be inducted by November 1. If they are not inducted by May 1 of the year following their election, their election is declared void by the Lodge executive committee. Candidates may be re-elected by their own unit at the next Order of the Arrow election.

SECTION 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 Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow for 10 or more months.

2. He must be actively registered in Scouting and be mindful of the fact that service to the unit is of utmost importance to Brotherhood membership.

3. He must be an actively registered member of the Buckskin Lodge.

4. He is required to memorize the Obligation and the Order of the Arrow song "Firm Bound in Brotherhood." He must be able to answer all questions in the Brotherhood Questionaire satisfactorily.

5. He must submit a written statement regarding his rededication to the principles of cheerful service to his fellowman.

6. 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.

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

SECTION 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 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.

3. Each lodge may nominate two percent of its total registered membership at the time of its charter renewal for the Vigil Honor. At least one-half of those selected must be under 21 years of age. Professional Scouters, district and council camping and activities committee chairmen, and council officers do not count against the quota.

ARTICLE V - HOME TROOP ELECTIONS AND INDUCTIONS

SECTION 1 - Election of Boy Scouts and Explorers

1. Each Scout Troop and Explorer Post of Nassau County Council may hold only one annual election of candidates for membership in the Buckskin Lodge, Order of the Arrow. These elections are to be held during the months of February, March and April.

2. Each Troop and Post shall receive notification and description of the 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 election.

3. Unit Leader Certification--The unit leader must certify as to the Scouting spirit and participation of each eligible Scout or Explorer for election. He must also certify that the eligible Scouts or Explorers meet all specified requirements. Such certification must be made before the election is conducted.

4. Elections--The number of candidates a unit may elect shall be based on total registered membership of the unit at the time of election on the following scale:

Number registered in unit	May elect
5	1
6 to 14	2
15 to 24	3
25 to 34	4
35 to 44	5
45 to 54	7
55 to 64	8
65 to 74	9
75 to 84	10

5. Bonus for Eagle Scouts--If a troop or post has any Eagle Scouts who are not members of the Order of the Arrow, these Eagles may be elected in addition to the quota shown on the previous table. Eagle Scouts do not become candidates automatically; they must still have the unit leader's approval and the votes of their fellow unit members. Scouts of lesser rank may not be substituted for the Eagle Scouts in case the Eagles are not elected.

6. Who may vote--Every registered member of the unit under the age of 21 at the time of election may vote. Fifty percent of the unit membership must be present to hold an election. In voting for candidates for the Order of the Arrow, unit members should make their choices in terms of fellow members who have demonstrated in camp and elsewhere a spirit of cheerful service for the common good.

Our Past Lodge Chiefs . . .

and Their Administrations

TONY SALERNO and BILL BEHRER

June 1966 - June 1967

Under Tony's administration, Buckskin Lodge hosted the Area 2-J Conclave at Ten Mile River Scout Camp at which 45 Brothers from the Lodge attended. In the winter months, the first Lodge Ski Trip was held, along with the Lodge's first successful hootenanny-varient show. Work was begun on the new Buckskin Division at Onteora on the first Buckskin Division Weekend in the spring. Funds for the new Division had been amassed through special trunk items and donations with the hope of building one campsite per year. Over 100 Brothers served cheerfully at the Spring Harkness Work Day. The 1966-1967 Lodge Handbook became permanent, to be supplemented annually. Preparations were made for the National Conference to be held in August at Lincoln, Nebraska. The final month of Tony's administration was completed by Little Lodge Chief Bill Behrer.

PAUL PLATE

June 1967 -

Paul is currently in office.

Revisions in the . . .

Bylaws

The following two sections of Article VI of the "Bylaws" were revised and approved by the Executive Committee and the Lodge members during the 1966-1967 administration.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTION
OF LODGE OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - The election for officers of the Lodge shall take place on March 1 but in no case later than 45 days thereafter.

SECTION 5 - A candidate for office other than those chosen by the Nominating Committee must submit a petition showing support of his candidacy by a date set by the Nominating Committee. The number of signatures required shall be twenty-five

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