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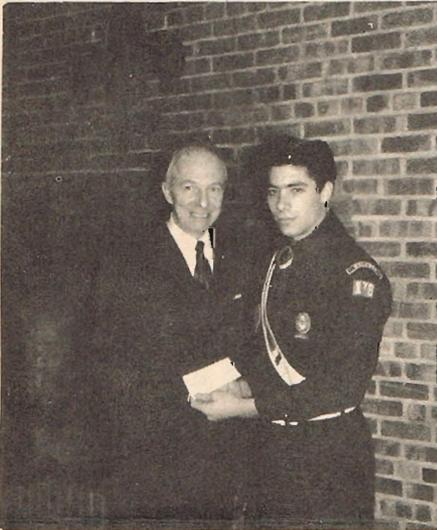
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LODGE EXECUTIVES VOTE GIFT TO COUNCIL

At a meeting held on January 5th, the Executive Committee of the Lodge voted to present to Nassau County Council, the sum of \$300 to build a program shelter at Onteora.

The idea of making a gift to Council was first introduced nearly a year ago by Morton Schwartz, then Brotherhood Chairman, at a work weekend at Wauwepex. It was referred to a committee headed by Bill Hanson who was Little Lodge Chief at the time. Hanson's committee reported back at the next Executive meeting, but it was pointed out that the supposed surplus in the Lodge treasury that was the basis for Schwartz's idea, was in fact, non-existent.



When the idea was again presented by Schwartz, it was supported by some as being a service to Scouting, but opposed by others at the meeting. Among those objecting to the idea was Mr. Lester Cox, who questioned the right of the Executive Committee to give away money that belongs to the members of the Lodge. He further pointed out that if surpluses did accumulate, the price of the items sold to a new Ordeal Member should be reduced to cost.

After considerable discussion, the motion was put to a vote and approved by a majority of those present.

The gift consists of a sum of money not to exceed \$300 to be used to buy the materials to construct a program shelter in the Junior Leader Training Campsite at the Onteora Scout Reservation.

ARROW ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 3 Home Troop Elections Committee Meeting for all Lodge members at Harkness at 2:30 P.M.
- Mar. 9 Deadline for the April issue of the TAB.
- Apr. 26-28 Spring Weekend and the Election of Officers at Camp Wauwepex.
- May 24-26 Spring Weekend at OSR.

H. T. E. MEETING On FEB. 3rd

Members of the Lodge are expected to volunteer their services for the running of Order elections within the units. In order that each Brother be prepared to do so, the Home Troop Elections committee will hold a meeting with all Lodge members, Sunday, February 3 at 2:30 at Harkness. The complete election procedure will be discussed and ample opportunity to ask questions will be given.

You will recall your election to the Order. If you were elected in your own home unit, it was made possible by other Brothers who fulfilled their obligations of service and who felt that election to the Order was important enough that a unit election should be done correctly and well.

If you feel likewise, it is your duty to attend this meeting, learn the procedure and when volunteer your services in your district. For more information and to volunteer those services, call committee chairman William Knudsen at WE 1-7677.

770 BUCKSKINS ATTEND BANQUET

by CLIFF VERITY

More than 770 cheerful, hand-shaking Buckskins attended the 13th Annual Banquet on December 28, 1962 at the Huntington Town House. The Banquet, a traditional affair gives the brothers the opportunity to greet one another, some for the first time since the summer.

Dinner was fine with everything served that was on the menu, including the celery and olives.

After dinner Morton Schwartz, Lodge Chief, welcomed the brothers. He then introduced the past Lodge Chief, Bob Cancro who received a well deserved hand for his year as Chief.

The Advisor's Minute was reduced to an introduction this year but Mr. Heim extended his sincere thanks to the brothers on their work over the year.



After the greetings from Council Executive, Richard Blauvelt and the Vigil Honor presentations the guest speaker was introduced by the Hon. John J. Burns. The guest speaker was introduced as "the General" a man from the Italian delegation in the United Nations. "The General" spoke well of Italy; he spoke of current and past events, of what he thought of the U.S. and the O.A. It wasn't what he spoke on but how he spoke, with the Italian dialect slightly mixing up the meaning. This was funny to everyone but the poker-face General until he came out with a surprise ending. "The General" received a standing ovation.

To close the 13th Annual Banquet the Brothers stood to sing the Song of the Order.

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WE'RE STILL TRYING . . .

For a year and a half, we have been trying to improve the "Tab". We have experimented with new ideas new format and new methods of printing. Each issue has been an improvement over the previous issue. We hope that this issue, produced by photo-offset has solved our printing problems.

We have strived to make the membership of Buckskin Lodge a well-informed membership, we feel that this is one of the ingredients of any worthwhile organization. If we have made the "Tab" easier to read, we can now concentrate on the task of making the "Tab" a pleasure to read.

Fred Miska, Editor

GUEST EDITORIAL.....

THE ORDER, YOUR TROOP AND YOU

by BILL SCOLLAY, Lodge Chief 1954-55

Membership in the Order of the Arrow originates in the Troop or Post to strengthen a member's responsibility to his own Unit rather than draw him away in another program of activities and service projects. The purpose of the Order is primarily service in the camping program of Scouting. "Cheerful service is an essential to a happy camping experience".

The paramount service project of an Order of the Arrow member should be the promotion of year 'round camping in his Troop. Many Brothers will go to camp this summer with their Troop and others will have the opportunity to serve as a member of the camp staff.

The Order has an important responsibility in adding color, enthusiasm, and quality to the program at summer camp with Indian dancing and pageantry, Call Out Ceremonies and Ordeal ceremonies. Lasting impressions that make the difference between success and failure of the Lodge begins with its ceremonies.

Summer camp is the greatest ad-

BUCKSKIN SONS OF WAUWEPEX

by IRVING F. (SOUTHY) SOUTHWORTH

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 you had to earn the feathers for the Bonnet and in order to do this you must have earned Merit Badges.

At this 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 was 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 Ordeal. The Buckskins continued as the Camp Honor Society until 1949. During these years the National Council adopted the Order of the Arrow as the official Camp 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 the members, both campers and leaders, and a committee was appointed to see how this could be done. This Committee met with the National Secretary who after hearing our story 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".

We had a Degree Team from one of the Queens Councils officially make the Buckskins a part of the Order of the Arrow.

We contacted as many of the Buckskins as was possible and about one hundred met at Harkness. After going through a very impressive ceremony we became the Buckskin Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

A WORD ABOUT "SOUTHY"

"Southy" is one of our senior members, having been a Professional Scouter with our Council in it's early days. He tells of his associations in those days with our first Council Commissioner, the former President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. He was the co-author of the Indian Lore Merit Badge pamphlet.

Since his retirement about ten years ago, he has attended Jamborees, taken a group of Explorers to Korea, spoken at dinners, given Lite-pack demonstrations, etc., etc.. In his spare time, he serves as a Red Cross First Aid Instructor.

venture in Scouting for a boy. To a Scout, Summer camp is fun. It is also a training experience in Scout skills and Scout-hood.

The Order places Scout-hood above Scout skills and holds that "the make-up of a man is more important than what he makes". Personal characteristics are developed by the Order and these characteristics are broadcast by all Brothers in their daily lives in camp.

An enormous building was being constructed near the center of town. Several workers were asked what they were doing. The first worker said, "cracking stone" and the second worker answered "mixing mortar". Another worker said, "carving figures". Finally, the fourth said, "I have worked on this building for months and studied its plans. It's going to be a great Cathedral, a house of God for all His Kingdom".

At Camp, Scouts learn the skills of first aid, cooking, compass, and fire building in conjunction with service to others, systematic planning and cleanliness, accurateness

and personal security, proper materials and control. This is character building in Scouting. As the one worker recognized his part in building a great Cathedral, Scouting skills and Scout-hood are a part of building men of character.

Order members, by example, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition by their Troop. the success of the Order depends upon what each Brother does individually with his life in making effective the great ideals of our Order--Brotherhood Cheerfulness, and Service.

"Recognize the significance of the Order in the Troop--for the Troop is still our best hope in Scouting, even as the family is still humanity's Chief hope".

Always serve your troop first this is where Scouting happens and what counts in the end. Exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily lives and continue, faithfully, the principles of the Order as an example for all men. Promote the camping program of Scouting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor's Note: All Committee Chairmen are reminded that no committee reports shall be accepted after March 9 for publication in the April issue of the Buckskin Tab.



Banquet...

From all indications, the 1962 Buckskin Banquet was successful -- only because of the splendid cooperation received from Mr. Mal Taylor, Banquet Advisor, who also arranged for the guest speaker; the District Representatives who sold tickets; Mr. Ralph Martens, the ticket and program printer; Don Gartrell, our excellent Master of Ceremonies, Chief Morty Schwartz and Past Chairman Bud Burke for their helpful advice. Many thanks to these and other brothers who helped to make the 13th Annual Banquet the success it was.



Dance Team.

At our first committee meeting this year we were pleased to find out that everyone of the Brothers who attended was experienced. This gave us a jump on what we had planned, and now we are ready to show our skills at any District or Council events. We have already danced at the Long Island Fair in the Closing Pageant, and we are planning to dance at the Boy Scout Exposition at Roosevelt Raceway in April. If there are any boys with or without experience, interested in dancing with us or drumming for us, we would be glad to have you. We are planning a meeting in mid-February; if you are interested please call either of the co-chairman; Steen Andersen (SU 5-6215) or Ed Kuebert (SU 1-2621).



Vigil.....

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

Any Arrowman who has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two (2) years and in your opinion meets the above requirements is eligible for the Vigil Honor. Submit the name of your candidate with as complete a record of his activities as is possible to secure without disclosing the secrecy of his nomination to William Hanson, 174 Jefferson Street, Franklin Square, New York. Candidate's applications may only be accepted by mail and no application will be considered after February 15, 1963.



Camp Promotion

On December 14, 1962 the Camp Promotion Committee held a meeting at Harkness. The new slides were shown, discussed and distributed to district chairmen. District Chairmen are planning district showings for those brothers who missed the meeting and would like to join the committee. If interested, call Steve Rice, IV 1-6145. New members are needed!



Orientation.

The new Buckskin Lodge Handbook is now available, thanks especially to those who helped to make this edition a success. At present we are in the process of revising the Orientation outline which contain facts and figures of the National and Buckskin Lodges, administered in the two readings to the new sheepskins during, their meditation periods. The new outline will be effective on the first spring weekend at Camp Wauwepex in 1963.



Membership..

There will be a meeting of the Membership Committee at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday January 26, 1963 at 170 Arden Blvd., West Hempstead. Anyone who can type and can bring a typewriter is invited to come. Call Tom Bligh, IV 6-0585.



The first of the year has passed and with it the first half of my administration. At this time I would like to present a so-called "State of the Union Message" to the Lodge. In this I will review our events and activities over the past Scouting year.

Summer Camp, 1962 saw a Very active Buckskin Lodge through the various call-outs and ceremonies. As viewed by many, a great deal of service was rendered in the best

traditions of the Order in the projects that were completed. Credit for this goes to the Taskmasters and the nearly four hundred new additions to the Lodge. When one stops to think, adding four hundred brothers allowed us to anticipate a very fruitful year ahead.

Soon after Summer Camp a delegation of Buckskins traveled to the Area Conclave at Stony Point, New York. Here we had the opportunity to exchange ideas with the other Lodges in Area 2A. Anyone who attended was able to look upon the White Feathers of Service with great pride.

Onteora Scout Reservation and Camp Wauwepex saw impressive numbers of Order Men turn out for the Lodge's Fall Fellowship work weekends. At Onteora we greeted the largest number of candidates and brothers ever to attend a call-out, over four hundred and fifty. The

word "WORK" precisely describes the agenda for these weekends.

Under the able leadership of the Lodge Executives, committees were able to perform outstanding service to the Council. In September Arrowmen participated in the Scouters' Barbeque. The Long Island Fair witnessed The Buckskin Chorus and Dance Team in action. Numerous projects were carried out on the District level.

Many Troops are now seeing Camp life through the sets of Slides in Programs presented by the Lodge.

Capping the old year off was the Annual Banquet attended by over 750 brothers.

True, the year so far has been good but let us keep in mind that only through continued effort by all can it come to a successful close.

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This letter (right) was received by Buckskin Lodge Chief, Morton Schwartz, from C.B. (Bud) Wilkinson. "Bud" Wilkinson in addition to being the Consultant to the President on Youth Fitness is the head football coach at the University of Oklahoma.

THE WHITE HOUSE
 WASHINGTON

December 26, 1962

TO MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW:

I want to express my appreciation of your efforts in behalf of Physical Fitness and Conservation. Our youth and our natural resources are two of our great national treasures, and the future strength of America depends upon their proper development. Your programs directly contribute to fulfillment of the Council's goals and the President's personal wishes.

I hope your splendid example will inspire all of our citizens, young and old, to strengthen both themselves and their country for the demanding tasks and responsibilities which will be ours in the years ahead.

Bud Wilkinson

C. B. Wilkinson
 Consultant to the President
 on Youth Fitness

SUGGESTIONS FOR '63-64 SLATE

The Nominating Committee held it's first meeting on December 28th at Harkness. The purpose of the meeting was to make a preliminary list of nominees. The following names have been suggested:

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| Steen Andersen | Bill Knudson |
| George Bartels | Ed. Kuebert |
| Dick Berry | Harvey Landress |
| Tom Bligh | Tom Maday |
| John Bradley | John McCormick |
| Marshall Bratton | Dennis Merrit |
| Paul Carroll | Fred Miska |
| Peter Dean | Peter Reis |
| Mike Fasullo | Steve Rice |
| Wayne Fowler | Art Robb |
| Barry Fries | Bill Saur |
| Brit Geiger | Ralph Searles |
| John Greenberg | Peter Sigg |
| Bill Hanson | Karsten Sorenson |
| William Henry | Walter Wendel |

A letter asking for qualifications will be sent to these people and to all others suggested by the members of the Lodge. This is only a preliminary list. More names are definitely needed. If any member of the Lodge would like to suggest other names, send them to Robert Cancro at 19 Elm Drive, New Hyde Park, by January 20th. The names on this list and the added names will be reviewed at the next Nominating Committee meeting.

PLAN DONDERI MEMORIAL

A Memorial Fund Committee has been formed in Se-pequa Dist. to raise funds for a memorial to the late Hector Donderi. If you would care to participate, send your contributions to Stanley Drupieski, 91 Ohio Ave., Massapequa.