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Tom Bligh Elected Lodge Chief FRED MISKA L. L. Chief, FOWLER, GREENBERG, WENDEL ALSO ELECTED. . .

Donderi Ring is Dedicated, Much Service Done At C. W., 25 INDUCTED

The headlines above tell the story of the April Spring Weekend at Camp Wauwepex.

On a warm Friday evening (April, 26) brothers began arriving early, probably in anticipation of a big turnout. The turnout was disappointing; the weekend was not.

Friday night's activities consisted of check-in, a brotherhood tap-out, the pre-ordeal for the sheepskins and a snack.

Saturday came and when it left, Wauwepex was a different camp. As one moved about camp he could hear the buzz of power saws, the banging of hammers, the chopping of wood; he could see the scores of sweating and shirtless buckskins lifting, painting and hauling in the name of service. The brothers had come to work, and work they did! Among the many worthwhile good-turn projects completed were the following: 40 patrol tables and 25 new tent platforms were constructed, Frontier and Indian Dining Halls painted, both docks painted, water-front area cleaned out, tents set-up, rowboats painted gray, "dead men" placed along the lake road in Frontier, seedlings planted, Chapel seats repaired, tent platforms repaired and Outpost Cabin was painted.

Washed and fully uniformed, the brothers attended the evening's ceremonies and welcomed 25 sheepskins into the brotherhood of cheerful service. Brotherhood members of the Lodge attended an equally impressive Brotherhood ceremony which saw 8 ordeal members seal their vows, obligating them to a life of cheerful service.

After Church services Sunday morning and a brief gathering of the Lodge Executives the Annual Business meeting and Lodge Officer Elections took place.

The Business meeting was brief; the minutes were read, a constitutional change was made, the budget was presented and accepted and then

the brothers moved into the next order of business, the election of officers for the 1963-64 administration.

We began by electing the Lodge Chief for the new administration. The Nominating Committee put forth the name of Tom Bligh, the nominations were quickly closed, and Tom was unanimously elected Chief of the Lodge. Tom is presently the Recording Secretary.

For Little Lodge Chief, Fred Miska was put forth by the Nominating Committee and Ed Kubert was nominated from the floor. The candidates records were reviewed and discussed and after a short time the election took place. Fred was elected by an 87-18 vote. Fred is now serving as Editor of the Buckskin Tab.

The Treasurer for 1963-64 will be Wayne Fowler. Wayne was elected unanimously by the brothers. Wayne is the Lodge Quartermaster.

John Greenberg also from the Nominating Committee was elected unanimously to serve as Recording Secretary during the next administration.

In a closely contested battle for Corresponding Secretary, which saw the nomination of 5 candidates, Walter Wendel was elected in the final ballot over Bill Saur.

After lunch, the introduction of the new officers, the transfer of the Chief's bonnet (from Morty to Tom), a presentation of a Buckskin Lodge flag to the Lodge Advisor, the brothers departed; that is some of the brothers did, the rest regrouped at the Ordeal Ring. There we listened as Mr. Stanley Drupieski spoke a stirring tribute to the memory of a departed brother, Mr. Hector Donderi. Then Lodge Chief Morty Schwartz joined by Mrs. Donderi unveiled the new plaque, which officially dedicated "The Hector A. Donderi Memorial Ring" which will be known by brothers from this time forth as the "Donderi Ring".

Expo Great Success

by STEVE BRENNER

When Nassau County Council's first Scouting Exposition drew to a close, it was obvious to all that the people of Nassau County had a better view of their Boy Scouts.

They could see that Boy Scouting is not just another boy's club, but rather an organization that goes places and does things. Every informative booth was filled by projects and Scouts ready to answer any and all questions.

The Buckskin Lodge played a big part in helping the Exposition come through. Besides the Camp Promotion Booth, which showed many, colorful slides of Wauwepex and Oteora, and the Service Committee Booth, which supplied both information and guides to bewildered



spectators, many Arrowmen served as aides (?) assisting the exposition staff in many places, including the First Aid Station. Our Dance Team, headed by Steen Andersen and Ed Kuebert impressed many people with their great skill as dancers.

I'm sure that many startled Mothers are looking for that Scouter who was putting realistic looking cuts and gashes on their sons, and there's a rumor that all the boys in that Judo Post are going to be drafted and sent to Vietnam. I'd like to finish with a sad note about one of the younger boys in my unit. It seems that he asked one of those roller-skating Explorettes to go steady with him, and she turned him down.

See other photo on page 2.

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from the EDITOR'S DESK

The Order of the Arrow Lodge with a program and officers of its own very often confuses and makes vague the very principles for which it stands. Activities such as service weekends, banquets, exposition duty, committee work, pin parties, and others where attendance is recorded are often used either consciously or unconsciously by chairmen, advisors and officers to determine a brother's devotion to the Order. What we fail to recognize is that arrowmen also have a responsibility to their unit, and that this responsibility comes first.

E.Urner Goodman, the founder of the Order once said, "By all means then, let us realize the significance of the Arrow in the unit--for the unit is still our one best hope in Scouting even as the family is still humanity's chief hope."

In your Ordeal Obligation you promised to observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. They are Brotherhood and Cheerfulness in Service and you further promised to be cheerful in spirit even when facing difficult tasks or heavy responsibilities and that you would try as hard as you could to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

The Obligation is a big order for anyone to fill but it does tell us one thing; these principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service are not restricted to those times when a feather and sash are worn. They are to be applied to everything you do.

All this means that there should be two changes in our ways as members of Buckskin Lodge. First, unit participation and leadership must never decline after induction into the Order. If anything, they must

"YOU WERE THERE"

By Harry Yoder, A Vigil Member

and 50 Year Veteran...

Friday, July 16, 1915 dawned bright and clear on Treasure Island. In addition to the heavy heat which often hangs over the Valley of the Delaware, there was something else in the air. It was an almost indescribable feeling of expectancy and mystery.

While only a few of those on the island had been taken into the confidence of the leaders, everyone in the camp was aware that this was the big night, although very few had any idea what was to take place. Everyone waited with an interest and an enthusiasm that was difficult to control. The day wore on slowly.

Ordinary camp activities provided little interest and the camp chores and duties were carried out with a total lack of interest.

By sundown the air was charged with a tense excitement that cannot be described. But those who were present will remember it as an experience never to be forgotten. Something that was to be a vital factor in the lives of uncounted boys and men was about to be started. The importance of this undertaking was unconsciously exerting a strange influence on all of those present.

As darkness fell, the campers were lined up in a single file by Harry Yoder who acted as Guide and Guardian of the Trail. In dead silence the campers followed the guide by a circuitous route thru the woods to the site of the Council Fire. The path lead under a great fallen tree, and the Council ring was so located that as the boys approached the fire they were unaware of its existence until they had passed down a small ravine across which an old fallen tree lay.

Suddenly the Council Fire was revealed. Built upon a triangular shaped Altar, behind which stood

increase. Second, service activities directed by the Order should be done only after first considering the unit's activities. In relation to committee work this would seem to indicate that it is best to sign-up for one or at the most two committees for which you are willing to go all out for. Do not spread yourself thin by signing-up for 6 or 7 committees, never doing a good job in any of them.

Remember the Order is not so much an organization as it is a spirit, a brotherhood. The Order has been the motivating force behind rekindled interest in unit camping, improved boy leadership and the building of strong character based on the principle that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

--Fred Miska

the co-founders of the Order of the Arrow, E. Urner Goodman, as Chief of the fire and Carroll E. Edson, as Vice-Chief of the Fire, both of whom were wearing long black robes, the Chief with a Turtle superimposed upon a triangle, which denoted leadership and the Vice Chief of the Fire, then called Sachem, wore on his robe a turtle without the triangle. (The turtle is the totem of the Unami Lodge.)

The original ceremony was quite different from that which developed later. There were three lessons taught that night:

1. The Candidate attempted to encircle a very large tree individually, with outstretched arms. Having failed he was then joined by several of the Brothers who together had no difficulty encircling the large tree, thus teaching lesson number one, "BROTHERHOOD".

2. The Candidate was directed to endeavor to scale a steep bank at the edge of the Council Ring. Failing, he was again assisted by the Brothers, with those help he was able to climb the elevation - thus teaching "SERVICE".

3. The Candidate was then given a bundle of twigs and told to place some on the Council Fire, where the twigs caught fire and blazed brightly - thus showing "CHEERFULNESS".

From the day of its founding in 1915, the Order of the Arrow has been an influence for good in the Camping Program for Scouting. It has always recognized those Scout campers who best exemplified the Scout Promise and Law in their daily lives and it has developed and maintained camping traditions and spirit, and at all times promoted Scout Camping.

But perhaps of greater importance than the above is the fact that the Order of the Arrow has had an enormous influence for good on the lives of thousands of boys and young men by helping to crystallize the constant habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerfulness to others.

---WIKHETSCHIK



COMMITTEE REPORTS



Brotherhood..

As of this date eighty-four letters have been received by the Brotherhood Committee. They will be reviewed by the committee before summer camp 1963. Thirty-six brothers will be inducted at Onteora, and nineteen at Wauwepex. The rest will be inducted on both Fall (1963) weekends.

I would like at this time to thank all members of the Brotherhood Ceremonial Teams, all questioners, sponsors, and members of the Brotherhood Committee for a job well done. This past year has been a memorable one; one in which more than eighty brothers were inducted into the Brotherhood.

As a point of information, Brotherhood tapouts are on the middle Saturday of each period at both camps. Ceremonies are held the following Thursday night. Jeff Loeb, Chairman.



Service.....

As chairman of the Service Committee this year I would like to thank all the brothers who have worked with the committee and will work with it before this administration is over.

The district chairmen with whom I have worked did a tremendous amount of work and deserve the credit for what this committee has done. My greatest appreciation goes especially to these brothers.

If you wish to be a district chairman or a member of this committee next year, write me at this address: Art Robb
210 Wallace St.
Freeport, N.Y.



Camp Promotion

The Camp Promotion committee is completing a very successful year. There were 75 showings of our new camp slides, and each one I'm sure convinced a few more scouts to go to camp. Next year we are hoping for more opportunities to show our fine slides.

At this time I would like to thank all of those Brothers who assisted me in showing those slides and who helped run the Camp Promotion Booth at the Scout Exposition. Steve Rice, Chairman.



Ring.....

During the past year, the Ring Committee has done a fine job. The Committee has built new ceremonial rings at O.S.R., carved new totem pole candleabra and trail signs and has erected new, full size totem poles at both O.S.R. and Wauwepex.

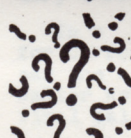
This year, we have run into many problems like rain soaked fires absence of Indian Pumps, candles going out too soon etc., but the committee has always overcome these minor disasters, and has made the ceremonies as impressive as always.



"Buckskin Tab"

The Buckskin Tab Committee is gradually growing into an extremely capable and hard working staff. We have several typist and reporters who are a big help to me. However there is no denying I need help, and I need it badly! The production of a single issue of the Buckskin Tab takes many more man-hours of work than I am sure most brothers realize. To help me, I have selected an Associate Editor who will finish the year with me and then will continue in September as Editor, since his appointment has already been confirmed by Lodge Chief - elect, Tom Bligh.

We have agreed on a policy for accepting new staff members. Anyone interested in reporting for the Tab upon contacting the Editor will be given a trial assignment to determine his writing ability. Regular photographers and speedy, accurate typists are also needed. Fred Miska, Editor, SU 5-5152.



Nominating..

The Nominating committee presented its slate of officers during the Lodge meeting at the C.W. weekend. Thanks are due to the advisors and members of the committee who made the excellent selections possible.

This year we tried something new. A short biography of the candidates appeared in the issue of the Buckskin Tab immediately preceeding the April elections. If you have any opinions to express about this new procedure please write to me.

Congratulations to the new Lodge officers. The best of luck for a successful year. Chriss Canoro, 19 Elm Drive, New Hyde Park, New York.



Dance Team.

The Buckskin Dancers performed April 19, 20, and 21 at the Scout Expo. We showed the many dances we had practiced and also helped out other dance teams. If you saw them you would probably say they did very well.

There was a good turnout of brothers, but we don't get that many at all of our performances, so don't wait just call one of the co-chairmen. Remember you don't need any costume or need to know how to dance. Just call up. The chairmen wish to thank all those brothers that helped us this year to make the dance team a success. Steen Andersen, SU 5-6215
Ed Kubert, SU 1-2621



E.C.A.....

I am sure that all of us agree that the main achievement of the ECA Committee this year, discounting the Pin Parties, was the excellent performance made by the brothers of the Buckskin Chorus at the Long Island Fair. The members of the Committee and all other brothers who sang with the chorus at that time are to be congratulated highly for the quality of their performance. Most of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken South for the time he spent at the Fair, leading the chorus. Without him I am sure that the quality achieved would not have been possible.

The E.C.A. Committee of 1962-63 joins me in extending hearty congratulations to the newly elected officers with the hopes that they will add as much to the lodge as their predecessors have. Steve Tuchband, Chairman.



Orientation..

The past year, 1962-63, has perhaps been one of the most successful and productive years in the history of our committee. Under the expert guidance of Larry Nokes, advisor to the committee, we have printed a new Lodge Handbook and revised and rewritten the orientation outline. Every new brother inducted during this season attended an orientation session.

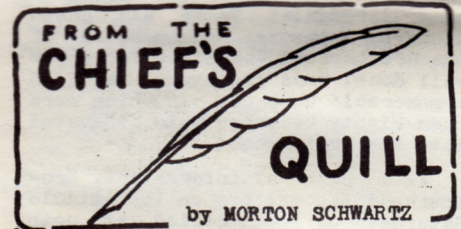
I want to thank all the brothers who helped to make this season our very best. Garry Cassat, Chmn.

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My brothers, as this is my last message to you as Chief of Buckskin Lodge, I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the many people who extended themselves to make my task a great deal easier.

Over the past year, I have found that the Lodge and its chief were most fortunate to have been under the very able guidance of our two advisors, Mr. Kenneth Helm and Mr. Edward Gilmartin.

With the Lodge membership what it is, it is only natural that many difficulties would arise concerning mailing. I thank the secretarial staff in the Council Office for their part in overcoming this handicap.

To the officers, the committee chairmen, and their advisors, who make up the Executive Committee, you have put forth every effort to make our Lodge one of the finest in the country, and I thank you.

Without the active participation of the lodge membership, no function, large or small could possibly be a success. It is a tribute to the Order that such terrific cooperation was evident at all times.

To the new officers, especially my close friend Tom Bligh, to whom I will pass the Chief's Quill, my sincerest congratulations. I know that you will find the same spirit and willingness to serve that has inspired me throughout this year. I am sure that you will have a most successful and fruitful term of office.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Morty Schwartz
 18 Frankel Boulevard
 Merrick, Long Island, New York

Dear Morty:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 20. Sounds to me as though your Buckskin Lodge of the Nassau County Council is a very active organization. I think you are aware of my feelings regarding the fine work the Scouts are doing.

We all need the maximum variety of experiences we can have in our formative years to enable us each to find not only the proper vocation but also to find ourselves, in other words, our capabilities physically, mentally, and morally. This is emphasized in the Scout oath which we glibly recite many times, but which has real meaning if we take time to think of it. "Physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight" are not just catch phrases to roll off our tongues. These are words to live by. The more powerful we as individuals and as a nation become, the more complex our lives become. With this tremendous increase in our capabilities, we must also assume a corresponding increase in our responsibilities. This applies not just in space and scientific fields, but in all the many different endeavors that combine to make our American society the success that it is. The responsible citizens of the future who will make the most progress upon our efforts will be those who are "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight".

The Order of the Arrow indicates a high order of dedication to those principles.

Best regards to each of you.

Sincerely,

J. H. Glenn, Jr.

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 Mercury Astronaut

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