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BUCKSKIN BANQUET

Bucks skin's largest Banquet will be held December 28th at the Four Seasons Country Club in Woodbury. This huge, modern building will be taken over by the Lodge and our Brothers that evening. The menu, the massive dining room, and fellowship promise to make this the big event of the year, the 50th Anniversary year of the Order of the Arrow.

Tickets will be on sale as of September 15th. Don't wait! Order your tickets now. No tickets will be sold after November 30th. All seats will be reserved. The price is \$4.00 per person. Make all checks payable to: Bucks skin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the check and names to:

John Charlton
Midland South
Syosset, New York

Since all seats will be reserved, seating can be arranged for groups of almost any size (as well as singles) by sending all the names and the total amount to the ticket chairman as shown above. Every effort will be made to comply with these requests.

It is suggested that each unit appoint a ticket chairman to handle the arrangements for his unit.

Since tickets will not be mailed out until December 15th, the ticket chairman will acknowledge immediately, by mail, all requests for groups and single tickets.

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ARROW ACTIVITIES

Sept 12	Executive Committee Meeting - 2PM - Harkness
Sept 15	Banquet Tickets Go On Sale
Sept 17-19	OSR Fellowship Weekend
Oct 9	Committee Reports Deadline for Nov. TAB
Oct 10	Executive Committee Meeting - 2PM - Harkness
Oct 15-17	Wauvex Fall Fellowship Weekend

O.S.R. Summer Wrap-up

Onteora, characterized by its rapid growth during the last decade, was on the move again this summer. The addition of the Blauvelt Health Center and the new Administration Building were but two improvements made at camp. These changes in the camp layout and the improvements necessitated by growth provided the basis of the OA service projects.

During the course of the summer 219 candidates were inducted. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the Order of the Arrow, the Ordeal tapouts were held in individual Troop sites. Each of the six program areas had a tapout team which consisted of Allowat Sakima, Meteu, and a coordinator. This method has the additional advantage in that more Brothers gain experience in conducting Indian ceremonies than would otherwise be possible. After the tapout, all the sheepskins were assembled under the direction of the ceremonial team. Ken Westerberg was Allowat Sakima, Mike Kelly was Meteu, Bill Dunn was Nutiket, and Jay Bush was Kichkinet.

The summer camp season also saw the induction of 43 new Brotherhood members. They were tapped during the main Council Fire on Visitors' Day, and the ceremony was held on the second Thursday night. Kenneth South was Allowat, Ron Lyke was Meteu, Peter Biasi was Nutiket, and Paul Plate was Kichkinet.

The highlight of the summer's activities was the Vigil Honor Callout which the Brothers were privileged to witness in the third period. In recognition for his many years of faithful service to the Order, Lodge Chief Ken Westerberg was called to the Vigil.

All in all the OA had a highly successful season at Onteora. The Brothers are looking forward to the next camping season, during which we hope to maintain the same high level of service.

--Grady Aronstamm

VIGIL HONOR

Five Brothers in the Bucks skin Lodge were awarded with the Vigil Honor during the 1965 Summer Camping season.

The Vigil Honor is the highest position that a brother can obtain in the Order of the Arrow. The Vigil committee carefully selects new Vigil members. All of the brothers were chosen because of their fine records in and out of Scouting and the Order as well as their dedication to the principles of the Order of the Arrow.

The new Vigil members are:

Herbert Carr
James Doherty
Fred Lloyd
William Saur
Ken Westerberg

Congratulations to all of them!

--Don Heiberg

PAY NOW ... AVOID THE RUSH

Dues for the 1966 calendar year are now being collected. The dues may be paid at the OA weekends, at the banquet, or by mail.

All Brothers paying by mail must send one Bucks skin (\$1.00) for dues, a self addressed, stamped envelope, his current BSA registration card (which will be returned), and his name, address, ZIP Code number, and telephone number on a sheet of paper. All the above items must be sent in order to receive a membership card. Send them to:

Jay Bush
305 Montgomery Road
Oceanside, N.Y. 11572

Any brother who did not pay dues for 1965 must pay one Bucks skin for reinstatement and one Bucks skin for dues.

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Letters to the Editor

During the year of 1965-1966, the Buckskin Tab would like to continue the "Letters to the Editor" column. All worthwhile letters commenting on the Lodge in general or on articles or editorials appearing in the TAB will be printed.

There were a few letters sent in last year, but there could have been many more. This is your Lodge and your paper, Brothers, so let's hear what you have to say about it. SEND YOUR LETTERS!!!



My Brothers,

This September Buckskin Lodge will begin again the regular projects, weekends, and fellowship occasions that have provided all Buckskin Brothers with a rich heritage and a great stock of traditions.

At Onteora we hope to induct a record number of new members. A great amount of work and service will be accomplished. As the season progresses and the Wauwepex Service Weekend approaches, some Brothers will fall by the wayside. The number in attendance will not be as great as at Onteora. By January the idea of cheerful service will have fallen prey to an easier, more relaxed life. And by June, the Order, for all too many Brothers, will be no more than a patch on the pocket. I challenge all Buckskin members, new and old alike, to do their best to upset the patterns of the past. "He alone is worthy to wear the arrow, who continues faithfully to serve his fellow man."

from the EDITOR'S DESK

Once again, as Buckskin Lodge rolls into the start of another year, we can look back on a summer filled with a high regard for the principles upon which the Order of the Arrow was founded. At each camp the results of many hours of cheerful service on the part of countless Brothers have been noticed and appreciated. To top it off, we have increased our membership by almost 350 new Brothers inducted during camp.

But what will happen to all these new members? How many of them will ever attend a service weekend? How many of them will join a committee or two and give up some time in the name of cheerful service? How many of them will ever participate in an Ordeal ceremony other than their own?

The trouble lately has been that too many of our older and more experienced Brothers have answered these questions with a perfunctory "I'm too busy." Too many requests for help have gone unanswered; too many Brothers come to the weekends for fun and fellowship, forgetting their obligation of Cheerful Service.

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The TAB staff would like to apologize to those Brothers in Seaford, Wantagh, and Elmont that did not receive the June TAB or received it late. It was mailed out on time, but the post office delayed it.

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I would like to personally thank Paul Platte and Don Heiberg for their help in typing and laying out this issue of the Buckskin Tab. Their unselfish help made this edition possible.

--Mike Kelly



BANQUET (cont.)

In order to insure receipt of tickets for college students, we request that all Brothers away from home put their home address on the stamped self-addressed envelope.

--Vic Lambert

Buckskin Peace Corps

During July Buckskin Lodge had the rare and wonderful privilege to serve outside the continental United States. We sent a team of five to the Virgin Islands to help their Scout Council organize a new lodge of their own. The team consisted of Stanley H. Drupieski, advisor; Tom Bligh, a past chief; Greg Gilmartin, past Treasurer; Vic Lambert, past Chief; and Butch Meola, Little Lodge Chief.

The first and most important purpose of the trip was to run the Ordeal and the ceremonies, which were made more impressive by the use of three beautiful, new podiums donated and made by Stanley Drupieski, Bob Hughes, and Sid Schwartz.

On July 15th, the team left Kennedy Airport at 8:45 A.M., had arrived at St. Croix in a light rain. The team was then taken to Camp Big Pond of the Virgin Islands Council.

It is a new camp of about 35 acres situated on the Caribbean Sea. There is a coral reef about a quarter of a mile off shore that reduces the swells and leaves the water smooth and crystal clear--so clear, in fact, that you could see the sea bottom. The water is only slightly cooler than the surrounding air and is extremely salty.

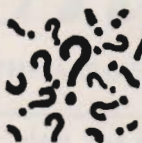
On Friday the team inspected the camp and picked a site for a potential Ceremonial Ring. The same afternoon they cleared out the ring. It turned out to be quite a hard job, but it was well worth the effort.

Friday night the team helped put on a campfire. Members of the team demonstrated Indian dancing and led several songs. The team dressed quickly and tapped out 28 candidates. After the smoothly-run Pre-
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The deadline for the Nov. TAB is Oct. 9. All committee reports should be mailed to the Committee Reports Editor on or before the deadline. Any report received after the deadline may not be printed in the TAB.

Tony Salerno
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Nominating..

The Nominating Committee is responsible for the selection of a double slate of officers and the mechanics of running the Lodge election. It is organized on a district basis with an additional representative of the Vigil, Brotherhood, and Ordeal members, and the Chief. In the coming year it is hoped that it will once more serve the Lodge as well as it has in the past.

Chm.: Vic Lambert PI 2-1128



Service.....

The Service Committee is the Lodge's working force for operations on the district level. Among other services, we will strive to promote our assistance in home troops, at Camporees and other affairs.

Any Brother who wishes to serve on this committee please contact the committee chairman.

Bill Behrer
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Chm.: Bill Behrer

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Banquet...

The following are the Chairmen of the Banquet Committee for the 16th Annual Buckskin Lodge Banquet:

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(For further information regarding the Banquet, see the article on page 1.)



Orientation..

The purpose of the Orientation Committee is to explain the traditions and purposes of the Order and the Lodge to all new Brothers. This year we hope to make this committee more active by increasing the staff and possibly by preparing some literature for the Lodge.

Any Brothers who feel that they would be interested in joining this committee will be asked to please contact the committee chairman.

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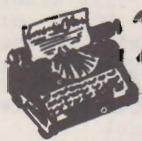
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Brotherhood..

The past summer saw 53 Brothers inducted into the Brotherhood membership of the Order of the Arrow. As estimated 26 Brothers will receive the Brotherhood while attending either of the fall weekends.

Chm.: Gary Fishberg IV 6-3386
Adv.: Mr. James Doherty WE 5-5265



"Buckskin Tab"

In the past year the TAB has met and passed the records set in the previous years of its existence. We can claim more pages, a larger circulation, and a more rigid adherence to schedule than has been seen in any single year. This can only be due to the countless Brothers who served on the Committee.

While the present staff is completely adequate, we are always on the lookout for a Brother who can write or type fairly decently. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact the Editor.

Editor: Mike Kelly IV 5-1138
Adv.: Mr. Ray Klaar FL 4-8152



Camp Promotion

The HTE and Camp Promotions Committee will be active from Sept. to Jan.. This committee will show color slides of the many features offered at Camp Wauwepex and OSR. These slides will be shown to any Troop or Post upon request.

We are looking forward to a year of cheerful service, but our job is great and much help is needed. If you would like to serve on this committee please contact the chairman.

Dave Offenbergs
112 Barbara St.
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Summer camp at Camp Wauwepex was again at its traditional A-100 standard. Many activities filled the desires of the better than 2000 Scouts who attended camp, and as always our Lodge played an important part in adding honor and the ideals of brotherhood to those chosen by their fellow Scouts.

At Wauwepex this summer, 119 Scouts and Scouters were inducted, witnessing the traditional and ever impressive Ordeal ceremony. Serving cheerfully, these sheepskins played an important part in maintaining the high physical quality of our camp through many projects including conservation, maintenance, and general clean-up. The Ordeal team was Ed Albinaki as Allowat, Paul Dougherty as Meteu, Butch Meola as Nutiket, and Neil Firetog as Kichkinet.

Those Brothers who sought to confirm their ties in brotherhood were ceremonially tapped and ful-

filled the promises required of the Brotherhood. In the course of the summer 40 brothers sealed their ties by participating in the ceremony. The Brotherhood team was Ed DiGiola as Allowat, Tom Schneider as Meteu, Marc Freedman as Nutiket, and Bob Mirabella as Kichkinet.

During the first period at Wauwepex four brothers received the honor of Vigil as they were awarded for their achievement in Scouting and our Lodge. They were Fred Lloyd Jr., William Saur, Herbert Carr, and James Doherty. It is truly for the ideals of our Lodge that we can bestow this honor on those Brothers who serve us so well.

This past summer proved to be another season of many great memories and activities. Now we can all look forward to next summer, not only for our own enjoyment, but for spreading the services and traditions so common to our Lodge.

--Bob Mirabella

Wauwepex Summer Wrap-up

LODGE CHIEF	Ken Westenberg	WE 5-2597
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Ordeal ceremony the sheepskins slept soundly for the rest of the night.

Saturday morning the team awoke to prepare for the day's Ordeal. Members of the team served as everything—Taskmasters, ring committee, ceremonial team, and whatever else had to be done for the Ordeal and ceremony. The main task during the Ordeal was to prepare a council fire area by removing undergrowth and landscaping the area. The ground was covered with heavy bush known as "cashir," whose inch-long thorns proved slightly toxic. The area was cleared with machetes, axes, rakes, and brawn, and the stifling weather made it easy to become dehydrated. By midmorning everyone felt as if the Ordeal had already lasted two days. It was especially rough on the team, for they were not used to such hot weather. However, the team and sheepskins kept working all day with breaks for water every hour and a half. They finally finished clearing the area and started leveling for the seats.

That night about 8 o'clock it grew dark and the candidates were led down the trail to the new ceremonial ring prepared by the team the day before. To get to the ring the candidates walked up a narrow gorge guided by the flickering light of smudge pots in the crannies of the walls. At the end of the trail the gorge opened up into an area much like a cavern with the team looking down at the candidates in the darkness. The ceremony proceeded very smoothly as 27 candidates were inducted.

After the ceremony a banquet was held. It was just about the first phance the team had to eat. The Brothers were served baked ham, fried chicken, potatoes with raisins, rice, and other local dishes.



Sunday morning after church the team ran an orientation meeting and helped the new Lodge select their officers. The team continued to instruct the officers and new committee chairman for the rest of the morning. The afternoon was spent with the many visitors who came to the camp.

Sunday evening Butch and Vic started their first dance team and taught them several Indian dances. That night everybody on the Buckskin team had his turn leading songs, and the Virgin Island's dance team put on their first dance. The Buckskin team even led a skit.

Monday morning at 6 A.M. the team left Camp Big Pond and proceeded to St. Thoman. At St. Thomas Mr. Sam King, the Scout Executive, took the team around the island. That night they bedded down in the council office.

On Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. the members of the team regretfully said good-bye to the Virgin Islands and its wonderful people.

--Vic Lambert

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont.)

Activities...

NO REPORT

Chm.: Ed DiGiola FL 4-1224
Adv.: Mr. C. Voorneveld WA 1-0712

Dance Team.

The Dance Team has given over thirty performances since January for packs, troops, and camporees throughout the Council. They also performed at the Scout Cavalcade and at the New York World's Fair this past summer. They are also responsible for the care and maintenance of all dance costumes.

Any Brother who would like to join the Dance Team should contact the Chairman. Experience is not necessary. Over half the members new on the team had no prior experience until they joined.

Chm.: Ed Priboy PI 7-0842
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Ceremonial...

NO REPORT

Chm.: Wes Palmer LY 9-7076

