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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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## 18th BANQUET TO BE AN ALL TIME HIGH

This year's Banquet promises to be the greatest and largest Buckskin Banquet in the history of our Lodge. The newly-redecorated Four Seasons Country Club, on Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury, will be taken over on the evening of December 27th for our eighteenth annual Banquet.

Tickets are now on sale. Don't wait! Remember, NO tickets will be sold after Dec. 6th. All seats are reserved; the price is only \$4.00 a person. Each troop and post should appoint a unit ticket chairman. He should then send all the money and the names of the Brothers from his unit who will be attending the Banquet to:

Buckskin Banquet  
P. O. Box 417  
Syosset, N.Y. 11791

Make all checks payable to: Bucks-  
skin Lodge #412, Order of the Ar-  
row. Also include a stamped, self-  
addressed envelope.

All tickets will be mailed out  
on December 10th. We are looking  
forward to seeing every member of  
the Lodge at the Banquet. See you  
on December 27th!

--Walt Bailey



- NOV 18 Harkness Work Day - Hark-  
ness Training Center -  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- DEC 6 Deadline for ordering  
Banquet Tickets
- DEC 10 Executive Committee Meet-  
ing - 2 P.M. - Harkness
- DEC 27 Buckskin Banquet - Four  
Seasons Country Club in  
Woodbury
- JAN 14 Executive Committee Meet-  
ing - 2 P.M. - Harkness

### TENTATIVE SPRING WEEKEND DATES:

- APR 19 to 21 Camp Wauwepex
- MAY 30 - JUN 2 Onteora Scout Reservation

## NEW 2-J CHIEF FROM BUCKSKIN

A great honor has come to Buck-  
skin Lodge. Mike Kelly, presently  
our Recording Secretary, was elected  
Chief of Area 2-J at their October  
16 meeting. As a past TAB Editor  
and committee chairman, Mike has  
served the Lodge cheerfully for  
many years.

Area 2-J is comprised of lodges  
from the five boroughs of New York  
City, Nassau and Suffolk counties,  
Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.  
The prime function of the Area is  
to hold a training conference for  
its Lodges at least every other  
year. In addition, however, it can  
provide many other services for the  
Lodges under its administration,  
such as the coordination of related  
programs in different lodges within  
the Area. At present the Area meets  
every two months; each lodge is re-  
presented by its Chief, Advisor,  
and one additional representative.

Mike's plans for his administra-  
tion include a re-evaluation of the  
role which an Area should play with  
respect to the Lodges under its au-  
thority, and an attempt to bring  
the Area closer to the members of  
the individual Lodges.

We would like to join with all  
the members of Buckskin Lodge in  
congratulating Mike upon his elec-  
tion, and wishing him luck in his  
new position.

--Carlos W. Kebe

## HARKNESS WORK DAY

Twice a year, Buckskin Lodge  
contributes one day of Cheerful  
Service to Nassau County Council's  
Harkness Training Center. The Fall  
1967 Harkness Work Day will be held  
on Saturday, November 18, on the  
Council Property, Shelter Rock Road  
in Roslyn (Searingtown.)

The Lodge will begin work at  
9:00 A.M. and plans to finish up  
by 4:00 P.M. Ranger Ken Quick has a  
great number of projects for the OA  
this work day. He will need at least  
150 Buckskins to assist him in the  
day's tasks. A free lunch will be  
available to those Brothers who

## BUCKSKIN DUES DUE !!

The collection of dues for 1968  
is now in progress. 1968 dues have  
been collected on both Fall Week-  
ends and will be collected on the  
Harkness Workday on November 18  
and at the Banquet on December 27.

Dues for 1968 have been and will  
continue to be accepted through the  
mail. By paying your dues through  
the mail, you can avoid long lines  
at the Workday and Banquet.

A special cut out dues form is  
included in this issue of the TAB  
for your convenience. Just print  
the information requested and mail  
it with one Buckskin (\$1.00), (two  
Buckskins (\$2.00) if you have not  
paid your 1967 dues) and a stamped  
self-addressed envelope to:

Carlos W. Kebe  
20 Meadow St.  
Garden City, NY 11530

All Brothers inducted in 1967  
are reminded that 1968 is their  
first dues-paying year.

Those Brothers who used the 1968  
dues form included in the September  
TAB and neglected to include the  
self-addressed envelope asked for  
should mail one to the above ad-  
dress in order to receive their  
1968 membership card. Membership  
cards have been returned within one  
week of being received by the treas-  
urer to all Brothers who did in-  
clude the envelope.

--Carlos W. Kebe

offer their services. Aside from  
providing an invaluable service to  
Harkness and the Council, a good  
time is assured for all.

Please call your district Ser-  
vice Chairman (see list on page 3)  
and tell him you will be at Hark-  
ness on November 18.

--Jim Lieb



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## from the EDITOR'S DESK

The induction of about 135 new Brothers took place on this Fall Wauwepex Weekend. This brings the active membership of Buckskin Lodge to an all-time high - 2000 Brothers (How many of these will remain active in the Lodge depends on the number of Brothers who re-register by PAYING THEIR DUES.)

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When a Lodge reaches this size, it is time to consider dividing the Lodge into "Chapters", each with its own Chapter Chief. This must be considered as a possible means of improving the efficiency of the OA and its function in Nassau County Council.

Those Brothers who attended the 52nd National Conference of the Order of the Arrow probably realized that Buckskin was one of the largest, if not the largest Lodge attending, which had not been divided up into chapters. This fact in itself, by no means, gives the Lodge sufficient reason to chapterize. That other lodges have formed chapters is, however, beneficial because their experience with chapters can be used in making the Buckskin decision. By observing whether chapters helped or hindered those lodges which chapterized, with each of their specific problem areas, Buckskins can determine if chapters would harm or benefit the Lodge.

Dividing Buckskin Lodge into chapters would help the individual Lodge member to a certain extent. Administration and service are brought to a more personal level. There is more opportunity for individual activity and recognition. Chapterizing also stimulates competition, each chapter trying to outdo the others in activity and service.

This competition, though, can  
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Jack,

You are probably aware that there has been a steady increase in the number of candidates at the weekends. Because of these added people, the job of head taskmaster has become even more difficult a task than before. It is a large and demanding job to coordinate the work and workers on a weekend. I think this year's Service Chairman Jim Lieb has done an amiable job and is to be commended for it.

It seems to me that the job of head taskmaster would be a little easier if Council took the time to arrange weekend jobs well in advance. It seems to me that there is a gap between the planners at Council and the OA that caused the mishap on the last weekend.

At Onteora this fall we had about 150 Brothers present. While at the Wauwepex Weekend we had about 381 in attendance. This gave us 134 candidates on the Wauwepex Weekend and about 95 at the Onteora Weekend. How is it that at the Onteora Weekend, with little more than half the attendance of the Wauwepex Weekend, almost twice the work was accomplished?

Maybe the jobs arranged by the Council were too few. Except for the constructive work done on the five cabins and the repair of the chapel seats, roads and telephone lines, little work was done. The fact that many brush piles were formed proves that there is a need for more constructive jobs. Why do we need to look for time wasting jobs when there are many other more profitable projects that can be done with only a little more planning.

I hope that the solution can be found so as to yield more concrete jobs for everyone who will be attending the Spring weekends, the Wauwepex Weekend in particular.

In Cheerful Service,  
Walter Baecker (signed)

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Dear Jack,

Careful planning is put into the Lodge calendar. Last year, when this year's dates were being set, I wrote to the College Entrance Examination Board and was informed that the PSAT test (involving High School Juniors) would be given Tuesday or Saturday, October 10 and 19, 1967. The Fall Weekend at Wauwepex was set for October 20-22, so as not to conflict with the test.

I did not find out until late in September (too late to re-schedule the weekend) that an additional PSAT date had been scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 1967. Many of the Long Island Schools gave the test on the date conflicting with our

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This past Wauwepex Fall Weekend was probably a record-breaker on all accounts. The total number of Brothers present was greater than we have witnessed at any weekend within the past two years. The candidate number was so large that it was necessary to present two Ordeal ceremonies to accommodate all who had passed their Ordeal. Since the beginning of the new year we have inducted or have reregistered over two thousand members into our Lodge. This figure is by far the highest total in eighteen years. Approximately one thousand Brothers old and new will enjoy the Banquet in December, and the Lodge's first four day Onteora Spring Fellowship Weekend will probably be attended by the largest group of Brothers ever assembled for a weekend.

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I have never been overwhelmed by statistics, and I hope that you also will be hesitant to evaluate Buckskin Lodge by its quantities, immense figures, huge budget, and impressive totals. When we speak of Buckskin Lodge do we think of the Brothers or the merits, the service or politics, fellowship or finance; or is this term "Lodge" indistinguishable to us? Is it an identity or a mere myth? This question can only be answered by each of you, after your own personal evaluation of your understanding of the Lodge.

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Experience has taught me that requests to have Brothers join committees usually fall like seeds on the salt-soaked beach sand. So all I wish to say is: stand up and be counted; vote for a cleaner New York; fight, don't switch; support your United Fund; round yourself out; give generously; surf's up; and which is most important; ----ON YOUR HONOR, DO YOUR BEST.

## BUCKSKINS SERVE AT POW WOW

On Saturday, October 7th, Nassau County Council, Boy Scouts of America held its first annual Southworth Indian Lore Competition at Harkness Training Center, in Roslyn.

More than 15 units participated, offering exhibitions of fine Indian dancing and costumes. Several posts also made model Indian villages including many of the crafts of the Indians.

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## Banquet...

The big night for which our committee has been planning is little than a month away. Even though much of the work has been accomplished, one of the biggest jobs is still ahead of us. The task of seating over 1000 Brothers with whom they want to be seated. Be sure to get your ticket request, with your \$4.00, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

BUCKSKIN BANQUET  
P.O. Box 417  
Syosset, NY 11791

Don't forget the deadline for tickets is December 6. If you have any problems, or wish to help us on the committee, you can contact one of the following people:

Ticket Chm.: John Krauss... 334-8616  
Adv.: Mr. Carl Samuel.... WA 2-0025

### Physical Arrangements

Chm.: Richard Bancke.... WA 1-4237  
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Mr. V. Lambert, Sr..... PI 2-1128

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Adv.: Mr. H. Gorman..... WA 1-3172



## Dance Team.

I would like to join Mr. Gonslaves in expressing my gratitude to all those brothers present at the Southworth Trophy. It would not have been what it was without the aid of the above.

The dance team was efficiently represented and appreciated by all who attended the Lutheran retreat.

Also those brothers who danced for the troop in Hicksville were acknowledged by all as having done

a very good job.

I would like to extend my many thanks to Paul Good on behalf of the team and myself for his unselfish service. He managed, despite inclement conditions to obtain the feathers that will be put to use on the back bussels.

My invitation is extended to all those brothers who are interested in joining the team. They can contact me by phone or mail.

Also all donations of leather would be most appreciated. Arrangements can be made by contacting me for a pickup if this is necessary.

If you have any event or know anyone who would like the team to dance should try to contact me at least two weeks before the event.

Chm.: Wally Baecker..... MA 1-2630  
Adv.: Mr. R. Martens..... FR 9-7982



## Service....

I would like to thank all of those brothers who worked as guides at the Southworth Trophy Award presentation at Harkness on Oct. 7. Their help was greatly appreciated.

All brothers are requested to help with the uniform drive by collecting old uniforms and calling their district representatives for uniform pickups. Uniforms are being collected for those areas where boys cannot afford their own uniforms. Any brother who is interested in helping the Service Committee in collecting uniforms is also requested to contact his district representative. The district representatives are:

Dist. 1 - Tom Baker..... PI 2-1084  
Dist. 2 - Ken Light..... IV 3-6983  
Dist. 3 - Richard Barto... PE 5-6613  
Dist. 4 - Ken Staudte... MA 3-4873  
Dist. 5 - Bob Gordon.... OR 8-4817  
Dist. 6 - Dale Nelson.... ED 4-6155

Chm.: Jim Lieb..... 798-2841  
Adv.: Mr. G. Hofmann.... PE 5-4209



## Ceremonial.

The committee is definitely planning to acquire new costumes this winter. To start, we need donations of cloth. If anyone knows where this cloth can be obtained, please contact the chairman.

Chris Finnerty  
1587 Elgin Avenue  
East Meadow, NY 11554

Chm.: Chris Finnerty..... IV 5-3749  
Adv.: Mr. J. Brussel..... PE 1-9169

## Letters (cont.)

weekend, keeping many of our Brothers and Candidates from attending.

In closing, I would like to say that we missed those of you who could not attend because of the PSAT test. I would also like to thank all the Brothers who did such a great job at Wauwepex and to congratulate all the new Brothers on their induction.

Yours in WW,  
Don Heiberg (signed)  
Little Lodge Chief

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Dear Jack,

As steward for the Fall Wauwepex Weekend, I would like to thank you and all the Brothers, both boys and adults, who helped in setting up the dining hall for the meals.

It was gratifying to see the Brothers come in and help without first being asked. Without their help, and yours, the meals would not have run as smoothly as they did. Truly, this was Cheerful Service.

Yours in WW,  
Ray Klaar, Jr. (signed)

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Dear Mr. Plate,

I am an Ordeal member of the Lodge from Troop 475 in East Meadow. I read in the Oct. 14, '67 issue of the TAB about the four-day Onteora Spring Weekend. Barring the Banquet, this could be the biggest event all year! We could do a fantastic amount of work on the camp in four days. I would gladly pay even a \$10 registration fee. This is a great idea!

You touched a vital spot in "The Chief's Quill" in the same issue. All OA ceremonies should be solemn, mysterious, and awesome. One single match to light a cigarette can spoil the beautiful effect of an Indian and his council fire and ring. Talking in the background, behind Allowat Sakima's speech is even worse.

Thank you.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
David Goode (signed)

(Although this letter is not to the Editor but to the Chief, it was considered suitable for printing in this column - Editor)

## Pay Your Dues Now !!

AVOID LINES AT THE BANQUET!

Fill out form at right, cut it out, and mail to Treasurer Carlos Kebe. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with dues.

After filling this form fully, cut out and enclose it with your dollar (\$1.00) dues and a self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to:  
Carlos Kebe, 20 Meadow St., Garden City, N.Y. 11530

- ☐ Enclosed \$1.00 for 1968 Buckskin Lodge dues  
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# WAUWEPEX WEEKEND - NEW RECORD

On October 20 to 22, 1967 the Annual Fall Wauwepex Weekend at Wauwepex was held. In all, 134 candidates were inducted into our order and 381 brothers helped to prepare the camp for the long winter ahead.

The brothers and sheepskins arrived Friday night between the hours of 7 and 9 P.M. and then proceeded to witness the tapping out of 19 Ordeal members for Brotherhood. The Ordeal tapout and pre-Ordeal ceremony were then held under the golden harvest moon. The guides returned to their lean-tos shortly before 1 A.M.

Candidates and guides awoke bright and early on Saturday and met at the Frontier water front at 7:00 A.M. The various service projects were then begun after breakfast. The tasks included: conservation, cleaning and repair of the cabins, road repairs, telephone line improvement, and a general clean-up of the camp. All these were completed under the direction of head taskmaster Jim Lieb.

Because of the unusually large number of sheepskin, a different schedule was followed in regard to the ceremonies and meals on Saturday night. The candidates ate a large meal at 5:00 P.M. and then participated in two separate Ordeal Ceremonies.

The Ordeal team consisted of Lodge Chief Paul Plate as Allowat Sakima, Mike Kelly as Meteu (His 25th Ceremony), Nutiket as portrayed by James Topf, and John Marshall as Kichkinet. At the Brotherhood Ceremony, Glen Belkin was Allowat Sakima, Gary Wildung was Meteu, Dennis Klein played Nutiket, and Gary Dunetz Portrayed Kichkinet. Lodge Chief Paul Plate praised the work of the candidates, brothers, and teams at the feed following the ceremonies.

Services preceded Breakfast and the Lodge meeting on Sunday morning. At the meeting the new election

procedure was the primary topic. In Addition, The Lodges Financial Policy was discussed after lunch and an auction for the benefit of the Buckskin Division was held. The brothers, both new and old, left for home knowing that they had completed a job well done.

--Gary Wilson

## EDITOR'S DESK (cont.)

often lead to rivalry, in which is lost that original spirit of unity. The chapter is liable to become the basic unit, replacing the Lodge. Chapter loyalty then supersedes lodge loyalty. The Lodge publication will pit one chapter against another to stimulate a reaction. All this, not to mention the almost certainty of one chapter becoming dominant, electing more Lodge officers and being the envy of the others. It will elect its own Lodge Chief and may legislate in its favor, against the other chapters. This presents more provocation for disunity.

The decision, however, should still be determined by how these cases apply to Buckskin Lodge. Perhaps, in our situation, none of the difficulties or advantages derived from chapters will come to pass.

--Jack Billi

## LOST AND FOUND

An Ordeal sash with a date on the back was found at the past Wauwepex Weekend. The owner of the sash should contact:

Ray Klarr  
416 Fieldmere Street  
Elmont, N.Y.

## POW WOW (cont.)

The Southworth Trophy is a statue of solid silver, of an Indian Chief on a horse. The statue itself is worth in the neighborhood of 5 thousand dollars. It was presented by an Indian tribe to Mr. Frank Gonslaves, who in turn presented it to Nassau County Council.

The Buckskin Lodge participated in this competition very greatly. We had a service crew there, who helped set up and take down the grounds, run the concessions, and simply insure order. The Dance Team, under the direction of Wally Baecker, filled in between events with dances, and provided a spark to get things going.

--Bob Rieger

## - WE MADE AN ERRA!! -

"To err is human..."--and once again the Tab staff proved its humanity in the October Tab. Several of the more obvious mistakes noticed by our readers include:

--the omission of an entire paragraph from the article on the National Conference. The missing part stated that Buckskin Brothers derived much benefit from the discussion sessions at the Conference; and that two members of our Lodge, Mike Kelly and Don Heiberg, led workshops in Lodge Publications.

--our failure to recognize the outstanding job done by Jim Lieb as head taskmaster at the Onteora Fall Weekend in the article about that event.

--our negligence in not listing the members of the Brotherhood team for that Onteora weekend: Dennis Klein played Allowat, Deryck Bratton was Meteu, Robert Ronnow was Nutiket, and Kichkinet was played by Leslie Greenberg.

To all those whom we have offended, we offer our heartiest apologies.

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