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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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CEREMONIAL TRNG. FOR BUCKSKINS

In January and February of 1968 e Ceremonial Committee will be holding a Cerimonial Training Session. It will be open to any member of the Lodge. The session will instruct the Lodge member in everything leading up to the ceremony. Explained to you will be the purpose of the ceremony, the fundamentals of which a person playing a part should be familiar with, the atmosphere needed to conduct the ceremony, the symbolism used in the ceremony, and the purpose of the There will be a detailed description and discussion of the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies. The work done by the Ceremonial Committee such as bonnet and cos-(continued on page 2)

UNIFORM DRIVE

In many sections of the country boys who wish to join scouting can not afford uniforms. Although this does not stop them from joining, it is still important that they own uniforms, if possible. The uniform is a visible sign of the unity of scouting.

Each of us can help out by collecting old uniforms, from the scouts in his troop or his post. Call your Service Committee District Representatives (phone number listed on page three) for pick up of uniforms. The service you can provide will take little time, but will be of great help.

__ Jim Lieb

ACTIVITIES

JAN 14 Executive Committee Meeting 2 P.M. Harkness

FEB 2 Deadline for March issue of the <u>Buckskin</u> <u>Tab</u>

FEB 11 Executive Committee Meeting 2 P.M. Harkness

FEB 17 Fourth Annual Hootenanny

MAR Buckskin Lodge Training Conference

HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR 18th BUCKSKIN BANQUET

This year's Banquet promises to be the greatest and largest Buckskin Banquet in the history of our Lodge. The Banquet will be held on December 27th at the Four Seasons Country Club, 999 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury.



NEW INTER-RELATIONS COMMITTEE FORMED

There is a new committee in the Lodge, called the Interrelations Committee. Its main purpose will be to intensify personal relations between the Lodge and its members, and to discover what the Lodge can do on this personal level to benefit not only OA Brothers, but also all cubs, scouts, and explorers in Nassau County.

It will also attempt to fulfill the goals which were set at the 50th Anniversary National Conference and written into the Onward Arrowman plan.

The big question put before this committee will be: can we relate more definitely to individuals in the scouting movement?

This committee will attempt to answer this question and discover probable means of achieving their goal.

The committee will be evolved under the chairmanship of Gabriel Gluck and the advisorship of Mister Wallace Douglas.



ADDITIONS & CHANGES IN EXEC. COMMITTEE

Historian: Steve Shinkle..BA 3-0370 H.T.E. Adv. Mr. Ray Klaar..352-8845 Orientation Adv. Mr. Wesley Doyle.. 884-4783

Policy Adv. Mr. John Giammanco.....
AR 1-1794
Nominating chm. Dennis Klein.....

1V 6-8090 Adv. Wallace 3. Douglas...OR 1-1869 The guest speaker which the committee has arranged to be with us promises to be very exciting.

There will be many surprises in store for everyone. Dues for the 1968 calendar year will be collected, and trunk supplies will be made availabe, including the 1968 Buckskin Division patches.

Hope to see you at the Banquet.

--Walt Bailey WALI & WGBB

4th ANNUAL HOOT

This year, as in the past, the Buckskin Lodge will once again hold its Annual Hootenanny. At present no definite date has been set, but will most likely be in the early part of February. As in the past, there will be entertainment for all. the everything, from Rock 'n Roll, to Dixieland bands, will be presented. In short, we will have something to suit all tastes in music, young and old. This will certainly prove to be an interesting evening for all.

The Activities Committee is also searching for new talent. If you know of any musicly inclined individual, or group, who would like to perform at our Hootenanny, please contact the Activities Chairman, Paul Foeller, at GE-7-0469.

There will be more information on the Hoot in the January TAB.

GILBERT RESIGNS

For personal reasons, ken Gilbert, Corresponding Secretary, has resigned.

MINAGRO NEW COR. SEC.

John Minagro has been chosen to replace him_{ullet}



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Wayne Tytell

from the EDITOR'S DESK

In a lodge as big as Buckskin, it is essential that the members be well informed of present and future activities. The Lodge can only continue to fulfill its purpose if accurate information is supplied to the members early enough for them to fit upcoming activities into their schedules. It is the main function of the TAB to provide this advance information in an accurate form. In this new year, 1968, the TAB staff resolves to do an even better job enlightening the Lodge, so that you will be aware and ready whenever the Lodge assembles for fellowship or service.

Speaking of things to do for the new year, you are again reminded of your dues. Your willingness to serve will amount to little if you are not registered and, therefore, not able to attend Lodge functions. Each of the 2000 members of Buckskin is offered the opportunity for another year of enjoyment and accomplishment by rushing their dues to the Treasurer, or by paying the one Buckskin (\$1.00) dues at the Banquet.

Paying dues, however, is only the first step in our "OA Resolution". This must be followed up by active participation in Lodge events. As much as dues are stressed, membership means little unless supplemented by involvement.

During the new year, many stimulating activities will be offered to you. The Ceremonial and Lodge Training Conferences, not only enjoyable, but also educational, and the Fourth Hootenanny and Fall 2J Conclave are just a sample of what is in store for Brothers in 1968. Be ready for the Lodge's activities; the Lodge will be ready for you.

--Jack Billi

TRUNK OPEN AT BANQUET

AND NOW, BROTHERS, NEWS YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR! The following items have been reordered and will go on sale at the Banquet:

- -Buckskin Division Patch (year changed to 1968) -- \$1.50
- -Lodge Handbook -- \$.30
- -Pocket Flap --\$.45
- -NEW Mug --\$.60
- -NEW Neckerchief Slide -- \$.25
- -Brotherhood Pin --\$1.65
- -Ordeal Pin -- \$.30

Other items not mentioned here will also be available.

SPECTACULAR BANQUET SALE! Just for the Banquet, the price of the Lodge's Jacket Patch will be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.75! Don't pass up this special offer! See you at the Banquet.

CEREMONIAL cont.

tume making, setting up ceremonial rings, and making torches and pot fires will be discussed so that any person attending will have the potential needed to help the Lodge.

The Ceremonial Committee urges all members of the Lodge with an opportunity to attend this forthcoming training session. Dates for the event will be given in a future TAB.

So, please, plan to come and realize the <u>WHY</u> of the ceremony.

-- Chris Finnerty

50 WORK AT WORKDAY

On Saturday, November 18, the Fall Harkness Work Day was held. The 50 Brothers participating, painted picnic tables and the outside trim of the administation building, prepared a store room for conversion to an office, repaired latrines, and cut logs. Our work day started at 9:00 AM and at noonday, we stopped for a delicious lunch (on the house and prepared by Mr. Ken Heim).

At 3:00 PM our efforts were brought to a halt by rain, thereby ending our day one hour short of the 4 o'clock schedule. Jim Lieb, chairman of the Service Committee, is to be commended for a job well done and at which we all had a good time.

--Bob Kanziger



TAB STAFF Extends Their Wishes To You For A Joyful Holiday Season



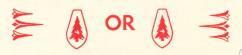


month of December is a time of celebration and thanksgiving. The holiday season is beginning, school is almost recessed and the Lodge Banquet is now an occasion rather than just a calendar date. The season is decked with thousands of small bulbs which shout tidings of peace, joy, and hope. Thoughts are centered on religious rememberances and service to fellow men. The air is filled with the scent of pine boughs and candle wax. Homes and places of business array themselves with lavish decor, representing the spirit of the season. This is a time dedicated to helping the less fortunate, both at home and overseas. A time when dreams become realities, if but only for a moment. A time when men sleep the sleep of kings and awake to witness a golden throned sun adorned with heavens own glory.

I often feel that we regress into the periodical celebration of these holidays, rather than fulfill the ideals of this season throughout the entire year. The warm summer sun, filtered through slender pine boughs should remind us of our continuing quest for peace. The vivid colors of spring and the harvest's golden hue express the ever changing times which should retell the story of our growth in service. The commitment of young men to the principles of the Scout Oath, Promise and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow should relate the hopes of Brothers who are striving serve their fellow men. The expressions of this very special season should be the ideals of each and every scout or explorer through the entire year. This holiday sea-son is only the fulfillment of a year's work.

My Brothers, I extend to you my sincere thanks for the past year and my wishes that the joys of this season will brighten your hopes throughout the following year.

Pay Your Dues Now



THIS IS YOUR LAST TAB

OMMITTEE REPORTS

H. T. E....

The Home Troop Election Committee is not active

until January, but the Committee has to get ready to operate now. We are now compiling a list of all brothers who desire to serve on this committee, including

The District Chairmen have been chosen, and they are listed below, along with the towns they cover. Anyone desiring to join this committee should notify his district chairmen, or the council chairman, as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

District chairmen are;

District 1 Wally Baecker......MA 1-2630
Albertson, New Hyde Park, East
Williston, Williston Park, Herricks Port Washington, Manhasset, Great Neck, Roslyn, Roslyn Hights

District 2 John Minagro.......PR 5-5785 Garden City Park, Elmont, West Hempstead, Bellrose

Alan Cuotinho......SU 5-4614 Garden City South, Garden City, Stewart Manor, Franklin Square, Floral Park

Steven Katz.....735-2834 Levittown, Island Trees

George Schaefer.......WE 8-8537

Plainview, Bethpage, Old Bethpage Plainedge

District 4

Steve Egly.....PY 9-4306 Massapequa, Massapequa Park, Roosevelt

Jim Doundoulakis.....SU 5-6752 North Bellmore, Bellmore, Freeport Rod Hirsch.....FR 9-8602 Merrick, Seaford

district 5 Jim Harmon.....536-7466 Rockville Centre, Baldwin

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Tom Schlegel.......LY 9-0455 Valley Stream, Alden Terrace, Cedarhurst, Inwood, Lawrence, Hewlett Woodmere

District 6 Rich Bancke.............WA 1-4237
Bayville, East Norwich, Jericho, Old Westbury, Laurel Hollow, Millneck, Syosset, New Castle, Oyster Bay ton, Locust Valley, Gree Sea Cliff, Roslyn Heights. Greenvale,

Chm: Bill Throop......Ba 3-4834 Adv: Mr. R. Klaar.....F1 4-8152



committee is working on new bonnets for cere-We are also awaiting a nomonies. tification concerning a donation of cloth, which the committee will soon be in sore need of. If we do not receive this donation the committee will have to spend a great deal of money, which is needed for other items. So, if anyone knows where this can be obtained, please fy the chairman immediately. please noti-

Concerning the new bonnets mentioned above, if anyone can put kits together or has any experience in that field, please notify the

chairman.

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

Trunk...

ANNOUNCING! The winner of the 1967 Mug Contest is John Minagro of Elmont. John's drawing was selected the lot of entries by the Executive Committee, and the Lodge's new mug will boast his design. The new mug will be on sale at the Banquet. Congratulations to John Mina-

Membership...

The Membership Commit-tee has been working

since September on a new system of maintaining membership records, and has developed a new record card that will be easier to keep up to date. In the few months, the committee will be busy transferring information onto the new cards. In addition, a council-wide effort will be made to gather additional information from

the Brothers, so that the commit-tee service and activity attendance records will be as accurate and up to date as possible.

as soon as possible, we will need the help of many Lodge members. If you have any free time and would be able to serve on this committee, please contact the chairman by mail or phone.

In order to complete this work

Chm.: Mike Kelly..... 485-1138

Activities...

This year, the Activities Committee will hold the First Lodge Training Conference. The purpose of the conference will be to acquaint future officers and committee chairmen with their responsibilities of the years ahead. Presently, no definite date has been set, but will most likely take place in the month of March after the slate of officers has been presented to the Lodge. The Committee is presently looking into a suitable place for such an event, and it will be announced to the Lodge in the near future.

Chm.: Paul Moeller..... GE 7-0469 Adv.: Mr. V. Lambert, Jr. PI 2-1128



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 Scout, Explorer and Scouter members of the Order who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or the Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order be considered as ample reason for Vigil Honor recommendation. Membership cannot be won by a person's It comes as conscious endeavor. recognition of his altruistic leadership in service.

"Any member of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered Lodge is eligible for recommendation the national committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor, provided that at time of his recommendation he has been a Brotherhood member for a

minimum of two years."

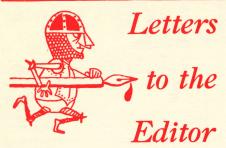
(Order of the Arrow Handbook)

The prime function of the Vigil Honor Committee of Buckskin Lodge is to recommend candidates for the Vigil Honor to the national committee. The committee is currently accepting nominations for the Vigil Honor for 1968. Each Lodge Member is encouraged to nominate qualified brothers who he feels are worthy of the Vigil Honor. Please send the nominee's, as well as the nominator's name and address to:

> Walt Bailey 37 Smith St. Hicksville, N.Y. 11801

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1968.

Chm.: Walt Bailey......WE 5-7971 Adv.: Mr. R. Hughes.....PY 6-9086



Dear Jack,

I have just finished reading the November TAB and must take exception to the statement that the Council should arrange week-end jobs well in advance. The operation of Buckskin Lodge and the work and functions of the week-ends are the sole responsibility of the Lodge officers and the Service Committee. Further reading through the TAB makes one wonder if the function of the Lodge is just the making of notes and records being set by attended. ance at Banquets and the work week-ends, and the amount of Brothers inducted or does Buckskin Lodge exist for some higher

After being at the October week-end at Camp Wauwepex, I arrived home with the thoughts as to just what was accomplished. All the Sheepskins and I saw many just seemed to be walking around doing nothing. This serves as no boost to the morale of the Brothers of the Lodge nor to the Sheepskins themselves who truly expected an Ordeal before they became members of Buckskin Lodge. Many times I have recalled my Ordeal and the satisfaction I had for what I knew was a week-end of hard work dedicated to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow and the traditions of Buckskin Lodge.

Most of this seems to be missing now, there was a time when brothers did their assigned or volunteered jobs without seeing their names in print---this toois more in keeping with our traditions.

Let us reexamine the reason why Buckskin Lodge exists--it is not to set records or heap praise on those who have accepted a job and should not be complimented for doing it well.

Yours in W.W.W., Sid Schwartz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(cont.)



Executive...

The following are the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

of October 15, 1967.

OCTOBER 15

HARKNESS

3:05 PM

Meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation Lodge Chief Paul Plate.

LODGE CHIEF'S REPORT

The historians has resigned, -- concerning the upcoming Lodge Banquet, it was decided that the money boxes on the individual tables will be arranged in the formof puzzle pieces, to be assembled after the dinner to form a division.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Savings Account Balance as of October 13, 1967, was \$1065.17, while the Council Account Balance was \$2025.96.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORIENTATION -- Revisions of the orientation procedure and stencils for the candidates's

for the candidates' booklets are now in preparation.

BROTHERHOOD -- Changes in Brotherhood procedure on the work weekends have been planned.

DANCE TEAM -- The team performed at the Southworth Indian Pow-wow and

the Lutheran Scout Retreat. HOME TROOP ELECTIONS--Forty people have signed up. The chairmen for each district have been appointed. MENBERShIP--New membership cards will be ready before the Banquet.

TRUNK--No word on the Buckskin Pir38 vision patches. vision patches.

NEW BUSINESS

AN ANNOUNCEMENT was made by Mr. Heim on the possibility of a four day Onteora Weekend in May. LETTERS have been sent to Father Dave, thanking him for his work on the National Conference, and to Martin Mockford, protesting the un-equal enforcement of the prohibition against unorthodox additions to the Scout uniform at the confe-

MEETING was adjourned at 4:35 PM with the Song of the Order.

Service ..

all those Brothers who made both the Wauwepex work weekend and the Harkness Work the successes they were. The Day Service Committee is presently running the Uniform Drive (see article on page 1). Any Brother who is interested in assisting the committee in running the drive may call his district representative to offer

District 1-Tom Baker... 742-1084 District 2-Ken Light... 483-6983 District 3-Rich Barto. 735-6613 District 4-Ken Staudte. 623-4873 District 5-Bob Gordon. 678-4817 District 6-Dale Nelson. 334-6155



Coming Next Month . . .

A Message from Our Executive

buckskin (*) to

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