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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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Buckskin Lodge Year to Change? NEW TAKEOVER DATE: SEPTEMBER 1

At the November, 1968, Executive Committee Meeting, Lodge Chief Don Heiberg appointed a committee to make an evaluation of the membership expansion effects during the past year and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The committee made its presentation at the February Executive Meeting.

A major administrative change suggested is to change the beginning of the Lodge Year from June 1 to September 1. (This change has been approved by the Executive Committee at its March meeting and is pending the approval of the Lodge. For the exact wording of this "Bylaw" change see the article elsewhere in the *Tab*.) The committee felt that it is extremely difficult for an incoming chief to organize his committee structure in less than a month to efficiently and effectively run the summer camp operation. By changing the transfer of office to September

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★ VOTE ★

Once a year, every member of Buckskin Lodge gets an opportunity to really take part in the planning of the Lodge's future. Each spring, a new slate of Lodge officer candidates is presented to the members by the Nominating Committee. Each and every one of these Brothers is highly qualified for the position he seeks. It is left to the Buckskin Brother to choose between the candidates by weighing their merits and past accomplishments as given in the March *Tab*. The ballot is as follows:

<u>Lodge Chief</u>	
Carlos Kebe	Tom Reinhart
<u>Little Lodge Chief</u>	
Joe Bruno	John Citra
Bob Kanziger	Larry Starr
<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>	
Joe Bonadonna	Roy Tompkins
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	
Gordon Behrer	Mike Woodcheke
<u>Treasurer</u>	
Roy Burnham	Charles Hanlon
	Tom Seremeta

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David J. Boshea, National Secretary of the O.A. and member of Buckskin Lodge, was honored with cake at Ardea 2-J meeting. Lodge chiefs from local lodges look on.

TAB MAILED SECOND CLASS

For many years, Buckskin Lodge has encountered difficulty with its mailings. This has been especially true of the *Buckskin Tab*. Local post offices have delayed the delivery of the *Tab* for many days, seemingly with no reason at all. Having a third class rating, the *Tab* was held up at many post offices despite the fact that it was marked "DATED MAIL." Thus, there have been many complaints from Brothers who received the *Tab* late or not at all. Obviously, this has many drawbacks and is extremely inconvenient when deadlines are announced in the *Tab*. Many Brothers have been unable to attend weekends or activities because they weren't given enough notice. In most cases, this was due to the postal delay. Numerous attempts have been made to correct

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20th ANNIVERSARY AWARD CREATED

This year Buckskin Lodge celebrates the twentieth anniversary of its being chartered as a national Order of the Arrow Lodge. In honor of this occasion, the Twentieth Anniversary Award was created. Every Lodge member, boy or adult, is eligible to earn the award and each will receive his scorecard by mail.

To be eligible for the award, you have to be actively registered in Scouting and actively registered in Buckskin Lodge for 1970. The requirements of the award are as follows:

BROTHERHOOD--If you were inducted prior to 1969 and are still an Ordeal member, seal your vows in the Brotherhood. If you are already a Brotherhood member, offer your services as a Brotherhood sponsor.

CHEERFUL SERVICE--Attend an Executive Meeting. Serve actively on at least one Lodge committee. Attend a service activity. Serve as a guide or taskmaster on a weekend or at summer camp.

Recruit a new boy or adult into Scouting. If you are under 18, advance one rank. If you are a Life Scout, earn five merit badges. Eagles need not advance. If you are over 18, attend a roundtable and complete a Council-approved train-

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- APR 11 - Wauwepex Spring Service to 13 - and Induction Weekend
- APR 16 - Deadline for Ballot Cards
- MAY 4 - Executive Committee Meeting -- 2 P. M. -- Harkness
- MAY 30 - Onteora Spring Weekend
- JUN 1 - Executive Committee Meeting -- 2 P. M. -- Harkness
- JUN 8 - Executive Committee Meeting -- 2 P. M. -- Harkness

from the EDITOR'S DESK

This issue of the Buckskin Tab marks the first time ever that this publication has been mailed using a second class postage rate. On the surface, this probably doesn't seem like much, but actually means a great deal to most members.

In the past, the Tab's third class rating has caused it to be put aside, delayed, and generally abused by the local post offices. Brothers would receive their issue several days after a work weekend, workday, or other activity which was announced in the Tab. The result: much confusion and disappointment as members were too late to register because they weren't notified on time.

To cite one example, I point out the problem concerning the Hootenanny in March. Special flyers had to be mailed because the March Tab, which contained the Hoot information, could not be relied upon to be delivered before the day of the event. As it was, even the flyers (mailed third class) arrived after the Hoot in some cases.

Nothing the Tab staff or Lodge officers could do was effective in accelerating the Tab delivery. The Buckskin Tab's third class rating automatically gave all other mail priority over it.

With a second class postage rating, the Tab will be at each Brothers' house one or two days after it is mailed. Deadlines now can be set with confidence and adhered to since the Tab mailing will be reliable.

Another indirect advantage for the Buckskin Lodge member will be more money for activities due to

Workday Report

The first Harkness Workday of the 1969 season was held on March 22. About forty Brothers were in attendance to offer their services to the Lodge and Harkness's facilities.

The work started at 9:30 A.M. when the members split up to work at different projects. These included: patching the road; sorting cavalcade prizes; painting, cleaning, and repairing the office; sawing and stacking logs; cleaning out the garage; piling brush; and other clean-up work.

At noon, the workers took a lunch break and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Lodge Advisor Mr. Ken Heim. The trunk was open briefly after lunch so that Brothers could purchase supplies before they returned to their tasks.

By 4:00 P.M., all work was completed. The boys, tired but laughing, left the area, content that they had done their best in a day of cheerful service.

-- The Service Committee

reduced postage rates. Thus, we hope that this will finally alleviate any mailing problems in the future.

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NOTE: In the candidates' biographies on page 6 of the March Tab, it was stated that Charles Hanlon is an Home Troop Elections District Chairman for District #2. It should be noted that this was an incorrect item.

-- Joe Bruno



My Brothers,

"America's Manpower begins with BOYPOWER." The Congress of the United States of America has called upon the Boy Scouts of America "to advance its service to the youth of this Nation as required by their congressional charter to the end that more boys in every segment of our society will be involved in its program and future generations of Americans will be better prepared with the skill and confidence to master the changing demands of America's future and prepared to give leadership to it." The National Boy Scout Council has launched its Boypower '76 program to put forth a strengthened effort during the next eight years to attain these high ideals and goals.

The lodges of the Order of the Arrow have been given the challenge to develop the boys of today into men and leaders of strong character tomorrow by working toward the National Standard Order of the Arrow Lodge. During Buckskin Lodge's twentieth anniversary this year, looking ahead to our Nation's Two-Hundredth Anniversary in 1976, we are going to put forth a concentrated effort to reach the Boypower '76 goals. Recruitment of new boys and adults into Scouting is essential to further extend the Scouting movement. Unit leaders need to be trained so that they can be of greater influence and guidance to tomorrow's leaders. Arrowmen who believe in our high ideals of a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service should step forward and complete their induction by sealing their vows in the Brotherhood membership. All these goals are incorporated in our Twentieth Anniversary Award.

Along with our 1969 charter renewal application, I sent to Mr. David J. Boshea, the National Order of the Arrow Secretary, a detailed report of what we were and are doing to obtain the Boypower '76 goals. In his reply, he stated "If every lodge was doing the job that Buckskin Lodge is doing the Order of the Arrow would make a real impact on the camping program across America. As you know, your lodge means much to me personally because I participated in many fine activities in the lodge during my years of service with the Nassau County Council." We are doing a great job in reaching the objectives of our Order. And if every Brother strives to obtain the Twentieth Anniversary Award, we will all be a part of a Brotherhood that has made a tremendous positive impact on America's future manpower."

Firm Bound in Brotherhood,

Donald Heiberg
Donald Heiberg
Buckskin Lodge Chief

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PROPOSED CHANGES

The following are the motions to amend the "Bylaws" and "Rules and Regulations" presented by the Policy Committee and approved by the Executive Committee on March 2, 1969.

The underlined sections are those that are to be changed. A more complete explanation begins on page 1.

"Bylaws"

-- Change of Lodge Year

Article VI, Section 1 (to read)

The election for officers of the Lodge shall begin on or after April 1 and shall conclude on or before May 15.

Article VI, Section 7 (to read)

Officers elected will officially take office on September 1 following election and will be ceremoniously installed on the Lodge's first Fall Fellowship Weekend after September 1 or at a time and place selected.

"Rules and Regulations"

-- Additional Unit Election Changes

Article IV, Section 3 (to read)

Rank Requirement--A Boy Scout must be First Class rank at the time of his induction into the Order. If he does not attain First Class rank by December 31 of the year of his election, his election becomes invalid. There is no rank requirement for Explorers, but they must have been active, registered members of an Explorer Post or Boy Scout Troop for at least six months prior to election.

Article V, Section 7 (change last sentence to read)

If any of those elected is an Eagle Scout or if (an) Eagle Scout(s) receives the highest vote total, the number of boys to be elected will be increased by the number of Eagle Scouts elected.

-- Change in Lodge Year

Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph 2 (second paragraph to read)

Not later than May 1 the Lodge Treasurer shall call a meeting of the Finance Committee to prepare a proposed budget for the next administration. The Treasurer shall act as chairman, and not less than one-third of said committee shall be composed of adults. The budget shall be presented to the Executive Committee at the May meeting of the Committee.

-- District Chairmen

Article IX (add section 2 to read)

SECTION 2 - The Lodge Chief shall appoint a chairman and advisor of each of the districts of Nassau County Council to coordinate the activities of the Lodge within his district and to provide membership to other committees as needed.

-- The Policy Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dance Team.

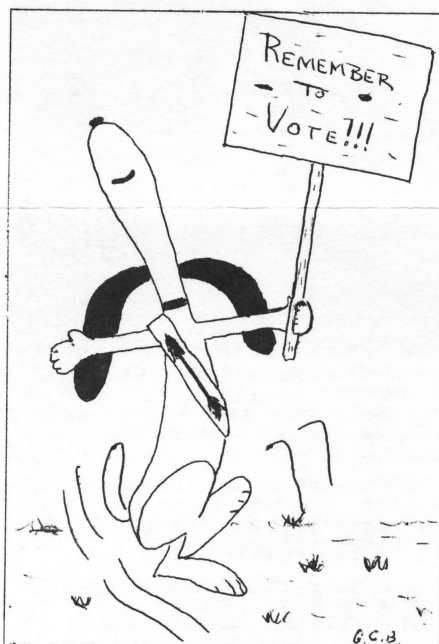


The Dance Team will perform at C.W. Post College during its International Relations Dinner on March 15. There is another performance scheduled for March 20 in Baldwin. The team will also be dancing during at least two of the coming District Camporees.

During the Cavalcade, many hours were spent in coordinating and planning the other dance teams for the Southworth Trophy competition as well as dancing.

Right now we have 15 boys on the Dance Team. To be most effective we need about 30. If you would like to join the Dance Team, please call the committee chairman.

Chm.: Gary Alabaster..... 692-9524
Adv.: Mr. G. Parachini.... 249-0815



20th Anniversary (cont.)

ing program.

Certify your active participation in a service-oriented church, school, or community event or organization.

The tentative deadline for submitting the completed scorecard is May 1, 1970. As of yet, the exact award has not been determined. The award will be of no cost to the recipient.

Watch the Tab for further details concerning the award. Brothers who have questions on the subject should call or write Little Lodge Chief Jack Billi.

-- The Twentieth Anniversary Award Committee

H.T.E.....



As the months of March and April pass, the majority of O.A. elections have already been held, and yet the number of units that have not taken advantage of the new election options is shocking. Under these new variations, the unit leader decides if he wants to elect the full number of boys allowed his unit. This makes it possible for him to limit the election if he feels that not enough boys in his unit are worthy enough to enter the Lodge.

In the interests of promoting camping and providing a better atmosphere for O.A. elections, unit leaders may have their unit's election held at summer camp at either Oteora or Wauwepex this summer. Unit leaders may request this service by mailing a notice to the committee chairman. Please mail requests as soon as possible to insure coverage. Anyone wishing further information regarding summer elections may phone the committee chairman.

Chm.: Charles Berenson.... 764-4608
Adv.: Mr. R. Klaar..... 352-8845

Coming Next Month . . .

ELECTION RESULTS

A. & N. Relations.



This September 5-7, Area 2-J will be holding its annual conference at Camp Wauwepex in Wading River, New York. This will be a training session for all O.A. Brothers from the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island, and Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The cost for the week-end of fellowship and learning will be \$5.00. This includes food, camp fees and a Conference Patch. Inter-Lodge sporting events, contests and many other activities will be on the agenda.

All new Brothers are urged to come so that they may become more familiar with the operations and procedures of the Order of the Arrow. It is especially important that all Brothers interested in becoming O.A. officers of any kind come to this event.

You'll hear more about the conclave in the next Tab, so plan ahead!

Chm.: Bob Kanziger..... 868-2385
Adv.: Mr. R. Rensch, Sr... 735-6752

Lodge Year Change (Cont.)

1, an administration would be able to plan for the summer operations on a committee basis and initiate their plans during the summer. More Lodge members, camp staff members, and campers, would be able to become involved in the summer operations before the summer begins.

A related change suggested is to have the officer elections approximately one month later with results being announced in mid-May. The new officers would be able to observe an efficiently run summer operation while carefully choosing their new committee chairmen. By the time the new administration takes office on September 1, they would be familiar with the operation of the Lodge and would be able to smoothly move into the fall weekends and committee operations.

The possibility of dividing into chapters was discussed, but it was decided that chapters too often lead to unnecessary controversy and rivalry within a Lodge. To get more members involved, the committee suggested that more work be done and coordinated on a district level. The Executive Committee has approved the "Rules and Regulations" addition stating that a chairman and advisor be appointed for each district to serve on the Executive Committee and further coordinate the workings of the Lodge and its various committees within his district.

Last fall, the Lodge experienced major overcrowding on the fall weekends due to the large increase in membership and the large number of Ordeal candidates. The committee suggested that this fall the new administration run more weekends. Two weekends should be held consecutively in September at Onteora. A request should be made that Brothers (and candidates inducted on the first weekend) attend only one of the Onteora weekends so that everyone wanting to attend could be accommodated. It is impossible to schedule more than one Wauwepex Fall Weekend because of the tremendous demand for its camping facilities during the fall by units and other council organizations.

To eliminate the problem and confusion in the weekend registration procedure, all fees (including food, lodging, Onteora bus transportation, and candidate's kits) should be paid before the weekend registration deadline. No late reservations should be accepted. Attendance on any weekend should be limited to 400.

The committee has suggested that a special induction be conducted at Onteora at the end of the summer camp season, which would be August 22 and 23 this year. This would not be a fellowship weekend and Onteora summer staff members would serve as taskmasters. Specific details as to who will attend, etc., are being worked out.

Hopefully, with these suggestions initiated, the Lodge will function more smoothly and more on a commit-

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2nd Class Mail (cont.)

this over the years, but to no avail.

An effective solution has finally been found. If the Buckskin Tab were to be mailed at a second class rate, it would take only one or two days to reach its destination without any delays. In effect, it would take the same time as any letter mailed first class once it is delivered to the post office. At the present time, the Buckskin Tab's application for a second class permit is being processed through the Roslyn Post Office. We can foresee no problems in obtaining this permit. All future issues, beginning with this one, would be mailed at a second class rate.

Oddly enough, the second class postage rate is much less expensive than the third class rate we are presently paying. After the initial application fee, the cost will be only a fraction of what it has been. Why is it possible to get improved service at a cheaper cost? We don't know, but we have finally found a way to turn the typical post office confusion to the Lodge's advantage.

-- The Editor

SKI TRIP: 'Terrific'

The Lodge ski trip, held Saturday, March 1, is now an official success. Twenty-three Brothers and friends spent the day schussing and edging on the slopes of Hunter Ridge.

Starting their upstate trip, they left Hempstead by bus at 5:30 in the morning. They arrived at about 8:30 A.M. and stayed until dark, skiing constantly except when stopping to eat.

Fortune shown on the skiers, as weather, powder, base and other conditions were all "terrific." All had a most enjoyable time.

-- The Activities Committee



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tee basis. Most important, a greater number of Arrowmen will be given a chance to serve. The members of the Membership Expansion Evaluation Committee were: Don Heiberg, Lodge Chief; Mr. Ken Heim, Lodge Advisor; Carlos Kebe, Little Lodge Chief; Mike Kelly, Vigil Chairman; Paul Plate, Past Lodge Chief and Inter-Relations Chairman; Mr. Russel Rensch, Jr., Service Advisor; Larry Starr, Quartermaster; Bill Throop, Service Chairman; and Mr. C. Voorneveld, Activities Advisor.

-- Membership Expansion
Evaluation Committee

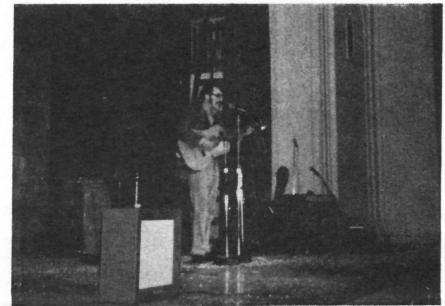
Few Attend — Hootenanny —

In the usual manner, Buckskin Hoot started a half hour late. As the audience sat and watched the show, they wondered if it was worth the wait.

The show commenced with a take-off of the popular show Laugh-in. Although the material was good, the audience was not receptive to it or was just tired of the Laugh-in itself.

The bands were good, featuring members such as Treasurer nominee Roy Burnham, Rich Spano and others who gave their time and effort to put on a show for the Lodge and their friends.

One of the highlights seemed to



Folk Singer Gregg Furness sings one of his numbers at the recent Hoot.

be Gregg Furness, folk singer, who had a long list of fine songs covering the many stories of life.

The MC team of Laurel and Hardy, impersonated by Walt Bailey and John Giammanco, added a little humor to the show and kept it moving.

Next year, with a little more effort on the part of more Brothers performing and more attending, the Hoot can be one of the highlights of the Lodge year, a show which we can be proud to show non-members our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Vote (cont.)

To be eligible to vote, a member must be under twenty-one (21) years of age and an active member of Buckskin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow. All eligible Brothers received a ballot card with their March issue of the Buckskin Tab. If you did not, contact Tom Dede at 766-1094. The deadline is April 16, 1969. After that date, any ballot cards received will be declared invalid.

Last year, almost 2/3 of all eligible voters in Buckskin Lodge failed to mail in their ballot. Therefore, the choice of officers was decided by less than a majority of Brothers. Will you let this minority choose your Lodge officers again this year? To vote is not a privilege, it is a responsibility. The Lodge's future is in your hands - vote now, choose wisely!!!