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BUCKSKIN LODGE No. 412, ORDER OF THE ARROW

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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

MAY 12, 1969

CARLOS KEBE ELECTED CHIEF

Joe Bruno, Larry Starr -- Little Lodge Chiefs
Bonadonna, Woodcheke, Seremeta Also in

Bylaw Changes Approved

On April 19th, thirteen Brothers waited for the results of this year's election with expectations. True, others were waiting, but I can say for a fact that these thirteen were especially anxious. Of course, I mean the nominees. This year, unlike previous years, the results were announced the same day the ballots were counted.

The Brothers who have been chosen by you to lead Buckskin Lodge during the 1969-70 Lodge year are the following:

Lodge Chief
Carlos Kebe

Little Lodge Chiefs
Joe Bruno
Larry Starr

Corresponding Secretary
Joe Bonadonna

Recording Secretary
Mike Woodcheke

Treasurer
Tom Seremeta



Lodge Chief Don Heiberg (the small one) congratulates Carlos Kebe, Lodge Chief-elect for 1969-70. Little Lodge Chiefs - elect Larry Starr (l) and Joe Bruno (r) look on.

On Sunday morning, April 13, a general Lodge meeting took place at Camp Wauwepex's Frontier Dining Hall. In attendance were the two hundred eighty-four Brothers, both old and new, who were serving on the weekend. At this meeting a major Bylaw change was presented to the members for a vote.

The change, involving the Lodge year, had already been approved by the Buckskin Lodge Executive Committee at their April meeting held on March 30 at Harkness Training Center. By an overwhelming majority, the Bylaw alteration was accepted. Article VI, Section 1 now states that "the election for officers of the Lodge shall begin on or before April 2 and shall conclude on or before May 15." Article VI, Section 7, which was also changed, now reads that the "officers elect-

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REGISTER NOW FOR CONCLAVE

If you are unable to attend the National Conference this August, you may be able to come to the next best thing - the 1969 Area 2-J Conclave.

The conclave will be hosted by the Suanhacky Lodge of Queens at Camp Wauwepex, September 5 through the 7. For the weekend of fellowship and learning, the cost will be only \$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. These will start at 8:00 PM Friday evening and come to a dramatic halt at 3:00 PM on Sunday.

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O.S.R. Weekend - 3 Days of Fellowship

With the Wauwepex Spring Fellowship Weekend already behind us, we now look forward to the last (and usually best) weekend of the season. On May 30, 31, and June 1, 1969, the annual Onteora Spring Weekend will take place.

Many people hailed the last work weekend as the most efficiently run in the Lodge's history. Brothers arriving Friday night found no long lines or confusion as they usually do, but rather were greeted with a snack and short registration lines. The coming Onteora Weekend promises to follow in this manner, for much planning has gone into the activity. As is the custom, no inductions will be held, so this should make the three days of fellowship even more enjoyable for all.

As an added attraction, the cost

for meals has been lowered from \$3.00 to \$2.50. This includes Friday evening's dinner, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Once again bus transportation will be available. As you probably know, the cost for this service is normally \$5.00. This time, however, we have kept the cost down to only \$2.00!! Imagine that, by coming on the weekend, you will save a total of \$3.50 over previous weekends. What can you lose???

All fees must be paid in advance. None are refundable after the deadline (although they are transferable). NO ONE will be allowed on the weekend unless they have registered, utilizing the enclosed registration

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Wauwepex Weekend Is Best Yet

There is an old saying about "April Showers..." but there wasn't a cloud in the sky during the Spring Wauwepex Weekend. This annual event took place on April 11, 12, and 13, when Brothers and Candidates arrived at Camp Wauwepex for a weekend of Cheerful Service and Fellowship.

Check-in began at 6:00 PM and was handled as quickly as possible by the Help Committee under the guidance of Joe Bonadonna. A total of two-hundred forty-eight (248) Brothers and thirty-six (36) Candidates attended. When they arrived, they found little to no check-in lines, which was unusual.

At 9:30 PM on Friday night there was an outdoor campfire at the Amphitheatre, with the O.A. Dance Team providing the entertainment. Roy Burnham deserves the credit for coordinating the physical arrangements. The Brotherhood Ceremonial Team made their entrance first, calling out thirteen Brothers to the Brotherhood. Thirty-six Scouts were then tapped for Ordeal Candidacy as the Ordeal Ceremonial Team made their impressive entrance. The candidates were afterwards led to the Pre-Ordeal sites to continue with the ceremonies. All the candidates were soon bedded down for the night, while Brothers enjoyed a late snack. Most of the Brothers got to sleep about midnight.

Guides and candidates woke up about 6:00 AM to a beautiful Saturday morning. All of them had checked in at the Amphitheatre by 6:45, after which the candidates had breakfast, eating "frugally." Breakfast for the Brothers followed, and everyone started to cheerfully serve about 8:30.

Camp Wauwepex benefited greatly by the work accomplished. Some of the service projects for the candi-

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BYLAW CHANGES(cont)

ed 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."

These changes were suggested by the Membership Expansion Evaluation Committee (as was stated in the April Tab). The committee felt that it was 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 1, an administration will 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. By the time the new administration takes office, they will be familiar with the Lodge's operations and will be able to smoothly move into the fall weekends and committee activities.

Accordingly, the other Bylaw change was introduced to shift the election one month later as an early election will be unnecessary.

Hopefully, these changes will result in a more efficiently run Lodge in the future.



My Brothers,

What have you done for the Order of the Arrow recently? I imagine that you read the Tab to find out what your fellow Arrowmen are doing. I hope that your involvement does not end there. Arrowmen are expected to become involved in their Lodge and to serve it to their fullest.

Don't be fooled by those that try to tell you that those Brothers that are involved are part of a clique or a closed union of Arrowmen into which can be admitted only those who are carefully screened and selected by the Lodge hierarchy. There is no truth in this manner or thinking!

If you want to serve as you are obligated to do, get involved by first speaking out and saying that you want to serve! Your voice will be heard!

As Uncas said to his father, Chingachgook, the Chief of the Delawares, in the Legend of the Order,:

"...Ourselves forgetting,
Let us find the greater beauty
In the life of Cheerful Service."

Are you content to sit back and let the other fellow serve? Or will you "Catch the Higher Vision" by giving of yourself cheerfully?

Firm Bound in Brotherhood,

Donald Heiberg
Olachi Aba Taloa
Netami Sakima

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Going to Camp?

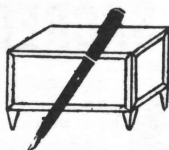
If you will be attending Onteora or Wauwepex this summer as a camper or as a staff member, the OA needs your help!!! There won't be any ceremonies if there are not any teams and the rings aren't set up. There won't be any projects completed if we don't have any taskmasters. We need additional Brothers to serve as guides, coordinate guide sign-ups, help with the trunk sales, give orientations, and many other things.

Give us an idea of what you would like to do by returning the Summer Camp form inserted in the Tab. Mail it to Lodge Chief Don Heiberg at his home before May 30. After May 30, send it to:

Don Heiberg, Staff
Onteora Scout Reservation
Livingston Manor, NY 12758

He will be sure that the forms are routed to the proper people and that you are asked to help. Thanks for your support!

from the EDITOR'S DESK



After observing the results of the Wauwepex Weekend, much praise must be given to the planning and cooperation shown by the members of the Lodge Executive Committee. The individual committee chairmen did their jobs well and joined together under the guidance of the Lodge Officers to make the event a real success.

In the past, the confusion and wasted time and energy characteristic of the weekends was due to the failure to communicate between the chairmen. The Service Chairman never knew exactly what the Orientation or Brotherhood Chairman was doing. Eliminate this communication barrier, and the result is the Wauwepex Weekend.

The preparations for the Onteora Weekend have been underway for several months. As it looks now, it should be even greater than the previous weekend, with service and fellowship the prime objectives. Without the extra work needed for inductions (none are scheduled to be held), the Spring Onteora Weekend promises to be "the greatest." So why not plan to attend???

I would like to take this opportunity, along with my fellow officers-elect, to thank you, the Lodge membership, for showing your confidence in our ability to serve you. I hope your trust will be rewarded next year by the fruits of our work. Planning has already begun to make the next administration a good one.

-- Joe Bruno

* * A T T E N T I O N * *

- If you served with the OA at the Cavalcade for 4 hours and didn't get a Neckerchief, contact Bill Throop at 223-4834!!!



- MAY 30 - Onteora Spring Weekend
- JUN 1 - Executive Committee Meeting - 8:30 P. M. - Onteora
- MAY 30 - Summer Camp Ordeals and Ordeal Ceremonies at Camp Wauwepex and Onteora Scout Reservation
- JUL 7 - Area 2 - J Conclave - Camp to 7 Wauwepex
- SEP 5 - Onteora Fall Weekend #1 *
- SEP 19 - Onteora Fall Weekend #2 *
- SEP 26 - Wauwepex Fall Weekend *
- OCT 24 - Wauwepex Fall Weekend *

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brotherhood.



The role of the Brotherhood Sponsor is an extremely important one. It is he who helps the Brotherhood candidate formulate his letter of rededication. It is he who coaches his Ordeal Brother in learning the material in the Brotherhood Questionnaire, and it is his personal influence that brings more of the meaning of Brotherhood to his candidate.

Think back to the time when you sealed your vows; there were five people in the ring that meant something special to you. There were the four Indians, but there also was your Brotherhood Sponsor.

It is imperative that all Brotherhood and Vigil members contact the Brotherhood Committee and offer your services as a sponsor. "We who strive in cheerful service stand beside and urge them forward, each one ready now to help them through their toils and tribulation--"

Chm.: Gabe Gluck..... 483-6392
Adv.: Mr. R. Weber..... 781-7189

H. T. E.



With the month of April behind us, the vast majority of O.A. elections have been successfully covered. Yet, there still remain a number of units who have not held elections. Fortunately, a unit may hold an O.A. election at either Onteora or Wauwepex this summer. An election of this type has many advantages. First, it aids in the promotion of camping by encouraging more Scouts to attend summer camp. Equally as important is that an outdoor election would prove more conducive to this honor than would an election held in a school gym or other meeting place. Therefore, I would strongly encourage any units who have not as yet held an O.A. election to consider holding one at summer camp. Feel free to contact either your district chairman or myself for any further information.

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

Wauwepex Rprt. (cont)

dates included painting row boats, grading and cold patching roads, and the general cleaning-up of the camp. For the Brothers, their work involved repairing tables, benches, bunks, and tent platforms. Much work was completed on Kniffin and Outpost Cabins, as well as on lean-tos. All of this was done under the able leadership of Bill Throop, Project Director, and Mike Woodcheke, Head Taskmaster.

There was a break in the work for lunch at noon. Candidates ate first, while the Brothers had several outdoor discussions. Then the Brothers had their lunch, the candidates having their first orientation. The Kitchen Crew did a great job in preparing the meals and having them out on time.

When the afternoon's work had ended, all the boys readied themselves for the ceremonies. An Orientation was given to the candidates and they were led to the Ordeal ring at 6:30 PM.

The Ordeal Ceremonial Team consisted of Don Heiberg as Allowat Sakima, Charles Berenson as Nutiket, Tom Reinhart as Meteu, and Jack Billi as Kichkinet. The Brotherhood Team had as Allowat Sakima, Gabe Gluck; as Nutiket, John Citera; as Meteu, Gary Wildung; and as Kichkinet, Frank Ostaseski. Bob Fener played the Pre-Ordeal Kichkinet. Following several well-run and beautiful ceremonies, a welcome feed was enjoyed by all.



Policy.....

At the Lodge meeting at Camp Wauwepex on April 13, 1969, the Lodge members voted unanimously to accept the By-law changes as printed in the April Tab. These had been suggested to the Lodge Executive Committee by the Membership Expansion Evaluation Committee and approved. The Lodge year will now be from September 1 to August 31, taking effect in September, 1969.

Changes are now being presented concerning the Lodge Treasurer's accounting system. Hopefully, they will make it easier to keep track of Lodge funds. If approved, these will take effect during the next administration.

Chm.: David Cohen..... 676-7256
Adv.: Mr. C. Billard..... 593-3873

The Brothers arose early Sunday morning to attend religious services. At 10:15, a general Lodge meeting was called to order. The Lodge members present voted on the proposed By-law changes involving the Lodge year (see article, this issue), which was passed unanimously. A cafeteria-style lunch was served at noon as Brothers, both old and new, said their farewells.

All who attended this weekend agreed that it was almost perfect, the planning that went into this event having been rewarded by good results.

-- Joe Bonadonna

Weekend (cont.)

form. Everyone else will be turned away. The deadline for the return of the forms is May 22, 1969.

The buses will leave Harkness Training Center on Friday, May 30 (Memorial Day) at 2:15 PM. So plan to come and serve your lodge, and bring tools if you have them!!

You Are Wanted!

FRIDAY EVENING TO SUNDAY AFTERNOON

MAY 30 to JUNE 1

PLACE: ONTEORA SCOUT RESERVATION
(Council House Dining Hall)

COST: Only \$2.50 for food and lodging. Meals include Dinner on Friday; Breakfast, Lunch, and a Feast on Saturday; and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday!

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip bus transportation is available for only \$2.00! The bus will leave the Council Office (Harkness) at:

2:15 PM, May 30 - Memorial Day

CHECK-IN: 6:00 PM (Friday Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM:

Cheerful Service (Bring Hammers)
Fun and Fellowship - Boating, Canoeing, Swimming.
Rededication Ceremony
Evening Campfire Programs
Convocation of Faiths and Services on Sunday Morning
Open Executive Committee Meeting
Lodge Meeting
Trunk Supplies Available
Buses Leave After Sunday Lunch (Should return to Harkness between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM)

REGISTRATION: Mail the enclosed form with the \$2.50 weekend fee (\$4.50 if you are taking the bus) to:

Onteora OA Weekend
Nassau County Council, BSA
Shelter Rock Road
Roslyn, NY 11576

DEADLINE: May 22, 1969 - NO MONEY IS REFUNDABLE OR ACCEPTABLE AFTER MAY 22!!!!

Years Ago

"10 Years Ago This Month".....

- The Annual Spring Onteora Fellowship Weekend took place. There was NO CHARGE for meals!
- A new Lodge pocket flap patch was designed and ordered. This has remained with us ever since with only minor changes.
- The totem pole at the entrance to Onteora Scout Reservation was completed and erected. It was the camp's first of many!!

"AN ARROWMAN'S SACRED DUTY"

Brotherhood membership is the sealing of one's vows in the Order of the Arrow. After ten months of active service in the Lodge, the new Ordeal member is afforded the chance to seal his vows in a life of Cheerful Service by participating in the Brotherhood Ceremony. The Ordeal and the Ordeal Ceremony introduce the new Brother to a life of Cheerful Service. During the year that follows, he is able to think about his induction into the Order and how he has tried his best to live according to the principles of the Order.



Candidates are shown here carving their "arrows" for their Ordeal. A member of the ceremonial team, who spent most of the weekend visiting the project areas, watches.

Election Results (cont.)

Three hundred and sixty-five ballots were received out of the eleven hundred sent out this year. This constitutes 33.2% of the eligible voters, showing a drop both in numbers and percentage over last year.

During the time administrations are serving their terms of office there are always a number of people who criticize them. Usually they are those who you see only once or twice a year, and who possibly have not paid their dues, with the consequence of not being able to cast their ballot. But people who are even worse are those who pay their dues, are eligible, but do not exercise their right. Only one-third of this year's eligible members sent in their ballots. In the March Tab and April Tab, there were reminders to vote, in addition to being reminded on the Wauwepex Weekend. Remember, it is up to you to choose your leaders. And in a close race, one vote can determine who wins or loses. Let me now quote what a past Lodge Chief once said, "...I sincerely hope, however, that the returns will improve in future years. I do not, on the other hand, want the elections to become gross political affairs. The officers are running for the betterment of the Lodge, and not for any personal achievement." This last statement is one of great importance to remember throughout this Lodge year, and others to come.

The officers-elect will officially take office on September 1 according to the recent Bylaw change.

Let all the Brothers now, along with the Tab staff and the present officers, congratulate next year's leaders on their election, and wish them the best, with our cooperation, in the coming year.



The Brotherhood affords him an opportunity to continue with a life of cheerful service to others and to strengthen those things that were taught in the Ordeal. These two elements make up the complete induction into membership and, after the Brotherhood Ceremony, the member becomes a "brother" in the Lodge.

The Ordeal consists primarily of physical impressions, new associations, and additional preparation. The Brotherhood Ceremony is one of deeper and quieter mental impressions for the member. The qualifications of Brotherhood membership are:

- 1 - Ten months as an Ordeal member
- 2 - Registered membership in Scouting
- 3 - Registered membership in Buckskin Lodge
- 4 - Satisfactory knowledge of the Brotherhood Questionnaire

The Brotherhood candidate must also submit a letter of rededication to the principles of the Order of the Arrow. This letter will be brought by him at the time of his induction.

Brotherhood is not to be thought of as a separate honor in the same sense as Ordeal membership. By sealing your vows you pledge to continue to serve your fellows cheerfully for the rest of your life. To seal one's vows is the most sacred of an Arrowman's duties, and thus, the decision must be your own.

-- Brotherhood Committee

Conclave (cont.)

Reservation forms for the conclave were sent with the O.S.R. weekend flyers to all Lodge members. Mail the completed form, along with the \$5.00 conclave fee, to:

Bob Kanziger
100 Brooklyn Avenue
Freeport, N. Y. 11520

Only a limited number of Brothers will be allowed to attend. The reservation deadline is June 13, 1969. Be sure to get your reservation in as early as possible. Remember: first come, first serve!!!

-- Area & Nat'l. Relations



NEXT TAB

JUNE 23, 1969

ONTEORA SPRING FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND
MAY 30 thru JUNE 1, 1969

B T R\$ O\$ IN
Please do not write here

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____ ☐ BOY ☐ ADULT
Please put each name on a separate form.
ADDRESS _____ ☐ TROOP ☐ POST # _____
CITY (PO) _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____

FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

REGISTRATION and TRANSPORTATION (check one):

☐ Enclosed find \$2.50 for FOOD and LODGING.

☐ I have arranged my own transportation.

☐ Enclosed find \$4.50 for FOOD, LODGING, and round-trip BUS transportation.

I will bring these tools: _____

ADULTS: List special skills that would be helpful on weekend; _____

RETURN BY MAY 22, 1969, to:

Onteora OA Weekend
Massau County Council BSA
Shelter Rock Road
Roslyn NY 11576

ONTEORA WEEKEND

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

MAY 21

FOOD & LODGING:

\$ 2.50

FOOD, LODGING & ROUND TRIP BUS TRANSPORTATION.

\$ 4.50

Make checks payable to:

BUCKSKIN LODGE 412, O.A.

AREA 2-J CONCLAVE SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1969 WAUWEPEX

Only a limited number can attend - first-come, first-serve! Transportation to be arranged at a later date...

Deadline: JUNE 10 - FEE: \$5.00

AREA 2-J CONCLAVE
CAMP WAUWEPEX - SEPT. 5-7, 1969

R\$ #
Leave Blank

NAME _____ ☐ BOY ☐ ADULT (over 21)
Please put each name on a separate form.

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
CITY (PO) _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LODGE: BUCKSKIN #412

Current Status: ☐ Ordeal ☐ Brothd ☐ Vigil

Positions held in Lodge: _____

Discussion groups will be chosen at a future date.

Mail this form with the \$5.00 Conclave fee BEFORE JUNE 10, to:

Bob Kanziger
100 Brooklyn Ave.
Freeport NY 11520

SUMMER CAMP 1969

O W Pd Tr Cpst
Please leave this section blank.

NAME _____ ☐ BOY ☐ ADULT (over 21)
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
CITY (PO) _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I will be attending summer camp at: ☐ Camp Wauwepex ☐ Onteora Scout Reservation during period # _____ with Troop # _____ or ☐ Wauwepex Provisional.

I will be a staff member at: ☐ Camp Wauwepex ☐ Onteora Scout Reservation.

Check any areas in which you may be interested in serving:

- ☐ Taskmaster ☐ Guide ☐ Ordeal Orientations ☐ Trunk Committee
☐ Administration (guide sign-up, etc.) ☐ Meal Coordination
☐ Member of Tapout or Ceremonial Team ☐ Other (please specify) _____
☐ Ordeal Ring & Pre-Ordeal site set-up _____

THANK YOU FOR OFFERING TO SERVE! Please return this form as soon as possible.

SERVE WITH THE OA AT SUMMER CAMP

If you are attending CW or OSR this summer as a camper or staff member, offer to serve the Lodge by mailing this form to Don Heiberg at 165 Burtis Ave, Rockvl Ctr, NY 11570 (before May 30) or at O.S.R., Livingston Manor, NY 12758 (after May 30).