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BUCKSKIN LODGE No. 412, ORDER OF THE ARROW

NASSAU CO. COUNCIL

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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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'70-'71 Ballot Selected

The Nominating Committee has named the candidates to run for 1970-71 Lodge Office. The group that made the selection is composed of a chairman and advisor chosen by the Lodge Chief; several representatives and advisors from each district in Nassau County Council; a representative from the Executive Committee and his advisor; and one representative each for the Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members of the Lodge. Also included on the Committee are the Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor. After a list of qualified Brothers was suggested, each nominee received a questionnaire about his Order of the Arrow, Scouting, school, and church leadership activities. Then a summary of these questionnaires was submitted to the Nominating Committee members, who arrived at the following tentative slate of officers:

LODGE CHIEF
Tom Reinhart

LITTLE LODGE CHIEF

Bruce Barnett
Joe Bonadonna
Tom Seremeta
Larry Starr



TREASURER

Dave Goode
Bob Schlanger

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Ted Allegra
Alex Seezy
Ronald Schnall

RECORDING SECRETARY

Brian Forman
John Murphy

As can be seen above, only one candidate has been deemed qualified to run for the office of Lodge Chief....Tom Reinhart. However, petitions received will determine whether or not Tom will be the sole candidate on the ballot, which is to be finalized in February and published in the March Tab.

Every effort is being taken this year to present an agreeable ballot. In the March edition of the Buckskin Tab, short non-biased biographies of each nominee will appear in order that those Brothers less familiar with the candidates may have some basis for their choice. **IMPORTANT:** If you wish to make a petition nomination for any Lodge Office, read directions on how to do so which can be found on Page 4. Such nominations will be especially welcomed due to the nature of this year's ballot.

BUCKSKIN'S 6th HOOT

The Sixth Annual Buckskin Hootenanny is quickly approaching and I'll need the assistance of many Brothers. So that we can have a real rang-bang-knee-slapper fun time, please help out. If you have or know of a band or other musical group, or perhaps know a talented person who would like to participate and laugh with his Brothers, drop a letter or post card to:

Bruce Barnett
8 Abby Lane
Syosset, N.Y. 11791

OR

William Croak
56 Merrick Ct.
valley Stream, N.Y.
11580



Ski Spree

Do you like excitement, thrills, and fun? Many of you Brothers already know the mind-blasting experience of skiing down a wide open slope. On Saturday, February 28, your Lodge will embark upon a one-day ski holiday. The cost is a mere \$8.00 for transportation to and from the slopes by buses with reclining seats and plenty of leg-stretching room.

What?!! You say you don't know how to ski?!! You'll have nothing to worry about where we're going. Free certified ski instructors will be giving constant classes on the slopes so you can learn the basics of a fun-filled and wild sport. If you don't own your own skis, rentals are available to fit you perfectly. The rental fee, which includes boots, poles, and skis, is only \$4.00. It is also recommended that you shell out a small \$1.00 to cover insurance.

We will be going to either Hunter Ski Bowl, Bell Eayre, or Holiday Mountain, all in upstate New York. Buses will leave promptly at 5:30 A.M. from Gimbel's Parking Lot at Roosevelt Field. Don't forget to bring your friends—even if they're not in the O.A. --- and maybe we'll have a Lodge snowball battle. To make your reservations, follow directions on the Supplement inside Tab. Read them carefully, please. Hope to see you all there!!!

-- Bruce Barnett, Activities Chm.

The Activities Committee is looking forward to having you and your friends in our show -- even if they are not in the O.A. With everybody working together, this year's Hootenanny can be a real blast. But hurry up -- time is short!!!

-- Bruce Barnett



NOMINATIONS PLEASE

Many of our Buckskin Brothers effectively serve the Lodge, Scouting, the community, or their church above and beyond that required of an Arrowman. These boys and adults have already rendered great service and will continue in the future to provide leadership through service. Some of them deserve to be awarded the highest honor a Lodge can bestow upon one of its members, the Vigil Honor.

Any member (yourself included) can nominate Arrowmen that he feels are worthy for the Vigil Honor. In the selection of candidates the committee relies on nominations from individual Lodge members. Don't think that someone else is going to nominate the person you have in mind. If you feel he is worthy, nominate him yourself! To date very few nominations have been received. Many more are needed for the committee to make the best choices.

Vigil Honor nomination forms are available from the chairman. Nominations MUST be returned BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 1970, to be considered by the Vigil Honor committee this year. (Continued on Page 4 - Column 3)

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Letters. to the Editor

November 25, 1969

Brothers:

The statement so blatantly shown in the November Tab, that it is your "obligation" to seal your vows in the brotherhood, is an untruth that should be corrected in all our thinking. This connotation of "I must do it" will grow into what I have seen in other Lodges developed into brotherhood as a rank with special privileges. It is no one's "obligation" to do anything. It is done from a heartfelt desire to serve. I hope I am not the only one who holds this view.

Yours in W.W.W.,
Robert Romalewski

(Ed. Note: Although this letter was not received while I was Editor of the Tab, I will speak for Gordon Behrer if I may. In an attempt to get more Brothers to become members of Buckskin's Brotherhood, which is far too low by National standards, we admit having gone a little too far. To clarify our point, it should be made known that we just want to remind every Arrowman that the Brotherhood does exist and is in with-in reach for those who feel them-

EDITOR'S DESK

As of this issue, Gordon Behrer has resigned from his position as Editor of the Buckskin Tab. My special thanks are extended to him for his assistance in getting me started. I would also like to thank Pete Moreau, who smoothly assumed my former position as the Lodge's Parliamentarian.



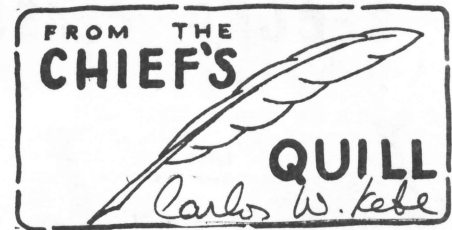
"Buckskin Tab"

On February 12, 1970, there will be a meeting of the staff of the Buckskin Tab at my house. The purpose of this workshop will be to expose the members to the way in which a Lodge newspaper is assembled, and also to assign specific sub-committees (such as art staff, photography, copy staff, etc.) Any new prospective member is welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact me for further information.

As of now the following names are registered as members of the Tab staff: S. Albert, T. Allegra, R. Anderson, G. Behrer, L. Biondolillo, W. Carr, J. Carson, M. Duca, D. Ernst, A. Farber, N. Getter, B. Godfrey, D. Heiberg, E. Jankowski, J. King, E. Lynch, R. Martin, F. McQuade, G. Price, C. Starr, F. Thornley, L. Ziegler, E. Zweig, W. Zinkand. However, this listing is inaccurate. If your name appears above and you do NOT consider yourself part of the staff, please contact me immediately.

Chm.: Brian Forman..... 796-3622

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selves worthy. By no means is this a mandatory achievement. The staff of the Tab regrets any misunderstanding that might have been provoked.  
--B.F.)



My Brothers,

With the cold reality of winter now firmly upon us, we find our thoughts turning more and more toward the awakening splendor of spring and the fullness and warmth of summer. With great anticipation we await the forthcoming hikes, spring Work Weekends, our District Camporee, and most of all, Summer Camp.

But what about our fellow Scouts who know not of the merits that camping in the great outdoors has to offer them? We, who "love the haunts of nature, love the moonlight on the water, love the sunshine on the meadow, love the shadow of the forest, love the wind among the branches, ever murmuring, ever sighing, love the rushing of great rivers through their palisades of pine trees, love the thunder in the mountains, whose innumerable echoes leap and bound from craig to cliffside," should find it in our hearts to encourage others to heed the call of the ever-changing out-of-doors.

Mindful that the main purpose of our Order is the promotion of camping in general and of summer camping in particular, it is only right that each of us should do his part in furthering the growth of the Scout Camping program.

On an individual basis, you can encourage friends and members of your own unit to participate in your unit's camping trips and hikes, and to attend Camp with the rest of the unit. If, at the moment, your unit is not planning to make use of our Council's Summer Camping program, take it upon yourself to promulgate an interest among the members of your unit to make Summer Camp an integral part of your unit's year-round program.

Collectively, we can carry the Message of Camping to every unit in our Nassau county Council. By means of the Camp Promotions Committee of our Lodge, we, as members of a Brotherhood of Honor Campers, can perform a service more valuable to our Council than ever can be accomplished on any of our many Work Days and Work Weekends.

I ask you, my Brothers, to do more than just await the fulfillment of your own spring fantasies and summer dreams. This new year, recall your duty as an Arrowman and put into practice its meaning. Then, and only then, will the awakening splendor of spring and the fullness and warmth of summer be a part of every Scout's heart, mind, and life.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Robert's Rules

### Policy...

At the last Executive Committee meeting on January 11, 1970, a new addition was made to the Rules and Regulations. The "Responsibilities of the District Representative" as they appear in the December Tab, were accepted, and will now become the four new paragraphs under the recently instituted ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2. The Executive Committee also voted down a series of resolutions which would reform the means of electing Lodge Officers.



### Dance Team.

The Dance Team is in need of new members. All you have to do in order to join is come down to one of the Committee's regular meetings, held every Thursday evening at the Dockmaster's Cabin in Wantagh Park. For information about the time of meetings, and directions to the park, please feel free to call me.

Chm.: Gary Alabaster..... 692-9524  
Adv.: Mr. Jim VanTassell.. 249-3560



### Orientation.

A meeting will be held in March to start work on both the Buckskin Handbook and its supplement. All present members of the committee will be notified as to when and where the meeting will be held. Brothers are needed to volunteer their services and help out with this very important task of the Orientation Committee.

Chm.: Neil Getter..... 221-7742  
Adv.: Mr. Stan Woodcheke.. 931-2912

### A. & N. Relations.

The last Area 2J meeting was on December 9, 1969 at St. George's Church in New York City. Elliot Klugman, the Area Chief, gave a report on the Area Fellowship Dinner. Ninety Brothers from every Lodge except Aquehongan attended this dinner. The remainder of the meeting was spent in planning the 1970 Conclave. The host Lodge will be Shinnecock Lodge (Suffolk County) and it will be held at its Camp Baiting Hollow. Five discussion groups for the Conclave were tentatively appointed. On February 28, 1970, the next Area 2J meeting will be held at Camp Alpine, New Jersey. It will begin at 3:00 P.M. in Reeves Lodge.

Chm.: Chuck Hanlon..... 775-1009  
Adv.: Mr. R. Rensch Sr.... 735-6752

### B.S.A. Inter-Relations.

This year, the duties of the Inter-Relations Committee are becoming more clearly defined by the addition of O.A. District Representatives for all six districts. The responsibilities of the District Representative are outlined in full in the December Tab.

In order that the District Representative may have close ties with the troops and posts in his district, each unit must select one Arrowman to act as a Unit Representative to the Lodge. This Brother will be directly responsible to the District Representative and will promote O.A. activities in his own unit.

IF YOU ARE A SCOUT OR EXPLORER, talk to your Scoutmaster or Post Advisor about the position. The job involves tasks like getting the unit Arrowmen to attend work week-ends, ordering tickets for the banquet, answering questions pertaining to the O.A. (or referring them to the District Representative), promoting council-wide Lodge functions (i.e., hootenany, cavalcade, etc.) within the troop or post. The job is not a difficult one at all, yet it brings the Lodge a lot closer to the unit than it ever was before. Think about it.

IF YOU ARE A SCOUTMASTER OR POST ADVISOR, please mention this report at your unit's meetings and select a Brother who is interested in the position. Letters have been sent to all Scoutmasters and Post Advisors concerning this matter. Included with the letter is a reply card to be returned by mail with the name of the chosen Unit Representative. The Lodge urges your cooperation in this matter so that every unit in Nassau can have its own Lodge Representative.

Chm.: Tom Reinhart..... 482-0373  
Adv.: Mr. C. Voorneveld... 921-0712

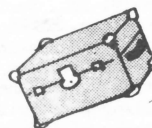
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MAR 8 Executive Committee Meeting - Harkness Tng Ctr  
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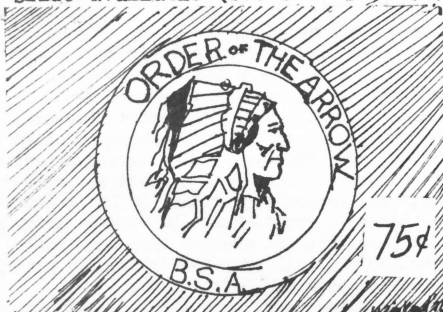
#### TENTATIVE SPRING WEEKEND DATES:

APR 3-5 Camp Wauwepex  
MAY 29-31 Onteora Scout Reservation



### Trunk.....

For the coming year, there will be several new items available from the Trunk. Among these are the Buckskin Sweatshirts, now in stock and obtainable from the "mail-order" Trunk at a price of \$2.00 each (with 30¢ for handling). The sweatshirts are light gray, and carry a five-color Indian head design on the front with the words: "Order of the Arrow - Buckskin # 412." There is also a new national neckerchief slide available (see sketch below).



In addition, I am looking into getting a Lodge belt buckle made.

The following items can be ordered NOW from the Mail-Order Trunk:

|                                            |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| O.A. Belt Buckle.....                      | \$2.00 |
| Lodge Handbook.....                        | .30    |
| National handbook.....                     | .65    |
| Headband.....                              | .20    |
| Lodge Pocket Flap.....                     | .50    |
| National Jacket Patch.....                 | 1.00   |
| Ordeal Pins.....                           | .50    |
| Lodge Brotherhood Pins.....                | 1.65   |
| National vigil Pins....                    | 1.00   |
| National Ribbon.....                       | .50    |
| Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Sashes..... | 1.25   |
| Red Plastic O.A. Neckerchief Slides.....   | .50    |
| National Neck. Slides..                    | .75    |
| O.A. Sweatshirts.....                      | 2.00   |
| Tab.....                                   | .20    |
| Neckerchief.....                           | 1.50   |

To purchase a Tab or a Neckerchief, your order must be accompanied by an old one, a written note from the Lodge Chief, or a receipt. Send your order, along with your name, address, and phone number to:

Bob Schlanger  
81 Elm Drive  
Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735

Include 30¢ handling for sweatshirts (don't forget to specify the size), 25¢ for normal orders, and 10¢ for small single items. Sorry! No feathers or mugs will be sent in the mail.

I would like to thank those Brothers that helped to run the Trunk at the Annual Banquet.

Chm.: Bob Schlanger..... 249-8613  
Adv.: Mr. G. Bartels..... 676-1721

## BANQUET TOPS 'EM ALL

It was a little more than 24 hours before the 1970's and looking back on the last decade, Buckskin Lodge had much to be thankful for. During that time it became one of the most successful Lodges in the country. Moreover, camping in Nassau County Council reached an all-time high. Surely the Twentieth Annual Buckskin Banquet, held at the Garden City Hotel on December 30, 1969, will always be remembered as a stepping stone between the sixties and the seventies. Despite inclement weather, more than 1400 Arrowmen gathered there, dedicating themselves to the forthcoming challenges of fellowship, service, and cheerfulness.

Probably the most impressive aspect of the Banquet (aside from the waitresses) was that approximately 50% of the Lodge membership participated. No doubt, a fine chance to meet new Brothers was extended; and there was a special opportunity for fellowship between old friends. As in past years, the gaily decorated banquet hall was an astounding sight, and the meal itself was delicious. Ken Westerberg, Master of Ceremonies for the Evening, began the festivities by seating and welcoming the overwhelming crowd. Then the Rev. A. Eric van Leeuwen administered the mealtime grace.

After the feast, luau, bon-repas, or what you will, Lodge Chief Carlos Kebe expressed his greetings and introduced the Committee Chairmen. He also thanked those who spent months of planning for the Banquet to be such a success.

A number of special presentations and recognitions were made during the course of the evening. Larry Starr, presently Little Lodge Chief (other LLC Joe Bruno was in the hospital and unable to attend) presented Don Heiberg with the Past Lodge Chief's award. Larry acclaimed Don's term of office as opening up new doors to service for the Lodge. He expressly cited the "double" work weekends, the new District Representatives which serve communities, and the 50th Anniversary incentive award.

Don Heiberg then gave a check for \$2500 to Nassau Co. Council President Morris Rochman, to be contributed to the fund-raising campaign of the BSA. Mr. Rochman, accepting the award, nevertheless told Don that "a Scout is trustworthy," and he would just have to admit that he was handed a "bum" check. Mr. Rochman later gave an inspiring and amusing speech in which he promised that all of Nassau's camping programs would continue in full swing.

The 1400 Brothers were also greeted by Scout Executive James M. Davenport, Jr. (pictured below), who declared that he was "glad to be back" to work with such a fine group of young men. Council Commissioner Henry Rockhill added a few words, too.



A highlight of the evening was the appearance of the Guest Speaker, Helen M. Olsen, manager of the Sea Cliff Branch of the Franklin National Bank. She was introduced by Ken Westerberg, who spoke of her service in public affairs and her credits in "Who's Who of 1969". Mrs. Olsen, though given very short notice, gave a fine speech about Banking as a career. She emphasized the values necessary in a finance worker, especially those that relate to Scouting—honesty, courtesy, preparedness, and confidence. The first woman ever to speak at a Buckskin Banquet, Mrs. Olsen told Mr. Rochman that had the \$2500 check been from her bank, he would have had no worries.

Other features of the Banquet were a film-strip in which Buckskin appeared as "The National Standard Lodge", two rousing songs led by Ken South, and the Vigil Honor presentations. The evening of fellowship was closed with Carlos Kebe leading the Song of the Order.

Whereas two years ago, our Banquet had "Coming of Age" as its theme, this year's expressed the beginning of a new era in the realization of W.W.W.

## District Reports

### DISTRICT 1

Town Representatives in District 1 have been announced. These new delegates will help to maintain connection between the Lodge and individual units. If anyone knows of a community service that can be performed in District 1, or has a problem relating to the Order of the Arrow, he should contact any one of the following:

Charlie Goldberg - Great Neck,  
Albertson..... 487-0923  
Ken Valentine - new Hyde Park,  
Garden City Park.. CH8-8947  
Perry Mose - Port Washington,  
Manhasset..... 883-9004  
Larry Mark - Roslyn, Plandome  
..... MA1-6474  
David Kurman - East Williston,  
Williston, Williston Park  
..... 742-5828

A camp Neckerchief Slide is available from Rod Hirsch --- call 379-8602 for yours. Troop and Post Representatives are asked to start Summer Camp promotions in their troops. Also, all Brothers are asked to join a committee and become active in the O.A.

Chm.: Dave Brooks..... 487-2937

### DISTRICT 3

Sometime in the near future, at a time and place to be announced, there will be a meeting of all home Troop Representatives in District 3 in order to discuss their roles. All brothers who live in District 3 are asked to get out and become active. We need you to sign up NOW for committees, especially the Camp Promotions, Ceremonial, and H.T.E. committees.

Chm.: Roy Burnham..... 731-2807

### DISTRICT 6

District 6 will also have a similar meeting of Troop Representatives soon. Details will be announced. Please contact me if you have any problems in choosing troop representatives to work along with the Inter-Relations committee.

Chm.: Doug Reich..... 333-6472

## VIGIL (Cont.)

"The Vigil Honor 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 or 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." (—O.A. Handbook)\*

To be eligible for Vigil Honor nomination a Brother must have the following basic requirements: He must have been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years when he is selected by the Vigil Committee (which means he must have sealed his vows prior to May 1, 1968) and he must be actively registered in Scouting and in Buckskin Lodge for 1970. If you are not sure a brother meets these minimum requirements (you may not be sure of his date of Brotherhood) submit his name to the Vigil Chairman and his eligibility will be determined from the Lodge records.

### VIGIL HONOR COMMITTEE

Chm.: Donald Heiberg..... 678-3554  
165 Burtis Ave.  
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570  
Adv.: Mr. Robert Hughes... 796-9086

## PETITIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

We are now accepting petition nominations for all of the Lodge Offices from any Lodge member of voting age (under 21). Understandably, it is impossible for any committee to be informed of each qualified Brother in so large a Lodge. Therefore, if you are aware of any qualified Brother, you are encouraged to submit a petition nomination. This must consist of the name and address of nominee (you may want to send in one for yourself), and not less than twenty-five (25) signatures of Lodge members to indicate at least some support. All petitions are to be sent to Committee Chairman Frank Ostaseski at:

150 Anstice St.  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

In no case will petitions received after February 13 be considered. In addition to mailing your petition call Frank Ostaseski at 922-5199, who will mail you a form requesting a short biographical sketch. DO NOT include a biography in your petition unless you have already received this form.

—The Nominating Committee



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**March 18, 1970**



# BUCKSKIN SKI TRIP

*Saturday, February 28, 1970*

## To Make Your Reservations...

1. Read Information on Page 1 of the Tab.
2. Use Handy Application Form Below.
3. Send in Reservation Before the Deadline - FEBRUARY 15.
4. REMEMBER to Bring Extra Money for Ski Lift and Food.

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| <b>MAIL TO:</b><br>Bruce Barnett<br>8 Abby Lane<br>Syosset, N.Y.<br>11791 | <b>NAME</b><br>_____<br><b>Home Address</b><br>_____<br><b>Town</b> _____ <b>Zip Code</b> _____<br><b>Height:</b> _____<br><b>Shoe Size:</b> _____ | <b>CHECK ONE ONLY:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> I am renting my skis (\$12.00)<br><input type="checkbox"/> I am not renting my skis (\$8.00)<br><input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE if you want insurance (\$1.00)<br><b>TOTAL AMOUNT I AM ENCLOSING IS</b><br>\$ _____ .00 |
| <b>Make checks and money orders payable to:</b><br>PEAK ALTA TOURS        |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>DEADLINE:</b><br>February 15, 1970                                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**SORRY... NO CASH, PLEASE !!!**

**NOTE:** Don't forget to bring your friends! But a separate reservation with all required information must be mailed for each person planning to go.

**For further information, call  
Bruce Barnett at 921-7775**