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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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Nominations Have Started

Once again the Nominating Committee is considering prospective Brothers for Lodge offices. If you are aware of any qualified Brothers, please send his name immediately to Committee Chairman Ken Aaron Schneider, 84-03 266th St., Floral Park 11001 or call 212 347-7718. All suggestions must be in by December 24, 1970.

We are also looking for Brothers who can type, draw, think, or tell good jokes to join the Nominating Committee and help promote the election.

This Committee is only as effective as your vote, so **VOTE!** when the elections come.

Incidentally, if you consider yourself qualified for a Lodge office, don't be afraid to contact the chairman before Dec. 24. The Nominating Committee can make a mistake too.

Harkness Workday

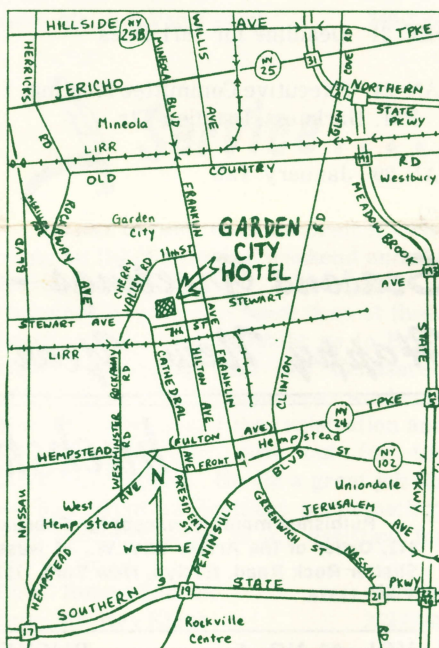
On Saturday, November 21st over 60 Brothers gathered at Harkness Training Center. Thus began one of the largest work details ever to assemble on a Harkness Workday. There were many jobs that were done. The Council offices were painted by an energetic group; light bulbs were replaced by a crew of Brothers who took only five hours to get the job done (only 12 bulbs needed replacing); a new bulletin board was erected; the gutters were tarred; the campsites and parking lot were policed; the garage was cleaned out of all junk; upstairs and downstairs of the center were cleaned up.

A delicious lunch consisting of ham, corn, potatoes, bread and butter, and bug juice was served by Don Ackerman and Mike Monahan. The Brothers were very appreciative of the lunch since they were working all morning.

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BANQUET SET FOR DEC. 30

This year's Buckskin Banquet will be even larger than last year's. The Banquet Committee expects over 1200 Brothers to attend this year's dinner. The evening not only promises to have delicious food but more important it will have fellowship that will never be forgotten.



THIS IS YOUR LAST TAB

If you do not pay your 1971 dues on or before December 31, 1970, this will be your last Tab. Dues WILL NOT be collected at the Banquet and forms WILL NOT be available there.

Full instructions were mailed to all members in November along with the dues form. Please use the special form when paying your dues.

If you misplaced the form or know of someone that did not receive one, send your name and address **ON A POST CARD** to Bob Schlanger, 81 Elm Dr., Farmingdale 11735.

This will be the 21st Buckskin Banquet which will become a part of the Lodge's history as being the biggest Banquet ever to be held. There will also be a very exciting guest speaker, Dr. Tom Haggai. A complete biography of Dr. Haggai appears in the November issue of the Tab. At the left is a map on how to reach the Garden City Hotel, the site of this year's Banquet.

See you there!!!

Let's SKI!

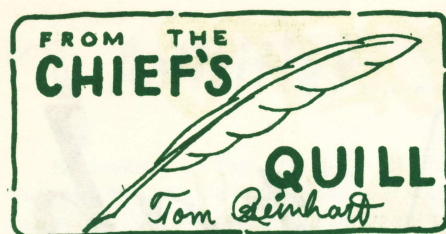
Have you ever tried skiing? If you have, there's no need to tell you of its thrills--if you haven't why wait any longer to discover why skiing is the world's fastest growing sport.

On Saturday, February 27, our lodge will embark on a one-day ski holiday. The cost, only \$8.50 including deluxe transportation by motor coaches with reclining seats and ski instruction for everyone from the beginner to the most advanced, with safety and control being stressed.

If you don't have your own equipment, rentals are available. The rental fee, which includes boots, poles, and skis (with step-in bindings), is only \$4.00. It is recommended that you spend an extra \$1.75 to cover insurance of the skis. Two dollars will be charged if you wait to purchase insurance on the bus.

We will be skiing in the upstate New York region at the slope with the best conditions on that day (chances are at Hunter). Busses will leave promptly at 5:30 AM from Harkness on Shelter Rock Road in Roslyn. This trip is open to all, so bring your friends even if they are not in the OA. It is suggested that you wear a ski (waterproof) jacket, ski (waterproof)

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It may come as a surprise to the members of Buckskin Lodge that a new set of membership requirements and unit election procedures has been drawn up by the National Council. These new changes will go into effect on January 1, 1971, and consequently the procedures will be used by the Home Troop Elections committee when conducting O.A. elections between February and April.

The major changes are outlined as follows:

1. A scout must have attained First Class rank to be eligible for election. There is no rank requirement for Explorers.

2. The Eagle bonus has been eliminated.

3. An eligible unit member under age 18 would be a boy nominee for the election. Any unit member over 18 would be considered as an adult, and a nominee for the leader election.

4. In troop elections, only unit members under age 18 may vote. In Explorer elections, all members under 21 except the associate post advisor may vote.

5. All eligible boys who receive votes from at least 50 per cent of those voting are elected. If no one is elected, a second and final vote may be held immediately. The maximum number of names a voter may list on his ballot is determined by a special chart which compares the number of boys eligible for the election with the number of active unit members.

6. Those elected must be inducted within one year of election.

The above listings are only the changes in the election procedures; check your Buckskin Lodge Handbook and National Handbook for the complete procedures.

These new rules and procedures were proposed at a special national meeting in January, 1970, and were field tested during the spring of 1970 in over 500 unit elections in eleven different councils. The elections were carefully supervised by members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Buckskin Lodge will be using these new rules for the first time this coming year. It is difficult at present to predict accurately the number of candidates that the Lodge will be inducting this spring, but

in general it is expected to be a lower figure than this past year's.

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My officers and I would like to extend the greetings of the season to all of you, with best wishes for a happy new year. This year's banquet, as you have read and heard, promises to be a most memorable one for every Brother who attends. So, see you at the banquet!



DEC 20 Executive Committee Meeting, 1 PM, Harkness Training Ctr.

DEC 30 Buckskin Banquet, 7 PM, Garden City Hotel

DEC 31 Deadline for January Tab

DEC 31 Deadline for 1971 Dues

JAN 24 Executive Committee Meeting, 1 PM, Harkness Training Ctr.

JAN 29 January Tab

*Seasons Greetings -
Happy New Year*

Buckskins to Hoot

The Seventh Annual Buckskin Hootenanny will be held on March 26 at Great Neck South Senior High School.

Several outstanding (would you believe good) acts have been contracted, but in order to fill the approximately three hour period, more talent is needed. The efforts of every lodge member is a necessity. We need folk groups, rock groups, comedians, jugglers, flaming sword swallows, et cetera. If you have talent or know someone who has talent, in or outside of the lodge; please drop a letter to: Dave Brooks, 22 West Woods Road, Great Neck 11020 or telephone 487-2937.

If you don't know of anyone, put a sign or poster on several bulletin boards in your school asking for volunteers. On it put your name, phone number and homeroom for the purpose of contacting you. When you get someone call me. Our performers may be male or female.

The activities committee is looking forward to having you, and your friends and or dates at, or in our show. With everybody working together, this year's hootenanny can top them all.

Note: As in the past, the dress will be informal and out of uniform.

--The Activities Committee

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Ring.....

I would like to thank all those Brothers who helped with the setting up of the Ordeal and Brotherhood Rings on the OSR and Wauwepex Work Weekends. Your help was greatly appreciated. Anyone who wishes to work with the Committee, please contact me. We are still in need of members.

Chm: Joe Loughlin

781-5716



Policy.....

If you are planning to run for a Lodge Office next year, or if you are interested in nominating a Brother for an office, please read the following Lodge Policy concerning this:

1. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND AGE. "A member in good standing of the Buckskin Lodge must be registered in the Boy Scouts of America and be current in payment of his lodge dues...Only members in good standing, under twenty-one (21) years of age, shall be eligible to vote in all Lodge elections and hold office..." (Buckskin Lodge "Bylaws," Article IV, Section 4).

"Lodge officers shall be under twenty-one (21) years of age for their entire term of office." (Buckskin Lodge "Rules and Regulations," preface to Article VI.)

"Elected officers must be under twenty-one (21) years of age for their entire term of office." (O.A. National Handbook, 1968 Edition, pages 44 and 53).

As the Lodge year for which candidates are being accepted ends on August 31, 1972, only those Brothers in good standing born on or after September 1, 1951, are eligible to run for office.

2. CONSIDERATION BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Anyone can request and submit a questionnaire.

3. PETITION NOMINATION. "A candidate for office other than those chosen by the Nominating Committee must submit a petition..." (Buckskin Lodge "Bylaws," Article VI, Section 5).

4. CAMPAIGNING. Lodge policy dictates that there is to be no form of active campaigning (mailing, pollings, etc.)

PrImtn: Jean-Pierre Moreau 248-6780
Adv: Mr. Charles Voorneveld 921-0712



Dance Team.

The Buckskin Lodge Indian Dancers are searching for enthusiastic members who wish to learn to dance and construct their own outfits. Indian dancing is a fantastic hobby and a great way to serve Scouting and carry out your obligation. We also want Brothers interested in collecting artifacts, craft work, Indian history, music, etc. Please contact me now.

November saw the dancers of Buckskin perform for three organizations. Three Brothers also rendered repairs to the Indian village at Onteora.

Chm: Tom Biolsi

781-6739

Adv: Mr. Jim Van Tassel

249-3560



Service....

I'd like to first thank all Brothers who came on the Wauwepex Weekend and the Harkness Workday. There was a tremendous amount of work done at these functions. My special thanks go to Brian Ganir, task-master and Roy Benasaref, ordeal master, at the Wauwepex weekend. Roy also took care of the registration and the late postcards sent out for the Harkness Workday. He did a great job for we had about 65 Brothers participating. Tom Costigan acted as my assistant for the workday.

Chm: Robert Sadock

482-4066

Adv: Mr. Ray Klaar

352-8845

District Representatives

District Five

If your application to attend the Fall CW Work Weekend was sent back to you, it was only because there was not enough room or work for you. Do not become disillusioned with the Lodge because there are still many ways of giving service to the Lodge and the Council.

If you belong to one of the 47 units in District 5 that does not yet have a Representative, call me. Here is an example of the committee that needs your help. Serve by representing your troop.

Chm: Douglas Robinson 825-5189



Vigil.....

Vigil Nomination forms are in circulation and if you didn't receive one and wish to please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Gary Wildung, 14 Ashford Pl., Albertson 11507. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 1971. Any nominations received after that date cannot be considered. Remember it is each individual's duty to nominate a worthy Brother for the Vigil Honor.

To all Vigil Honor Members:

At our Council Wide meeting held on October 28, 1970, among other things we finalized the list of District chairmen and advisors as follows: Districts 1 and 6 combined--John Giammanco, Chm; Mr. Charles Voorneveld, Adv. District 2--Carlos Kebe, Chm.; Russ Rensch, Jr., Adv. District 3--Jim Van Tassel, Chm.; Mr. Lou Maripodi, Adv. District 4--Tom Biolsi, Chm.; Mr. Dick Weber, Adv. District 5--Phill Clark, Chm.; Don Heiberg, Adv. Out-of-Council District--Vic Lambert, Chm.

Chm.: Gary Wildung

741-4838

Adv.: Mr. Stan Rykowski

741-7089



Ceremonial..

During reflections after the Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies about 75 per cent of the new Brothers say the ceremony was "impressive." A great deal of the "impressiveness" relies on the costumes; without them the ceremonies wouldn't be the same.

During the different ceremonies in the course of a year, the costumes take an awful beating and are constantly in the need of repair. During this winter I'm going to do substantial work on the costumes and I could use any help that I can get. Here's a chance for you new Brothers to get active in the Lodge and for some of you older Brothers to be a little more active than you already are. If you would like to help me, please give me your name and phone number so I can contact you.

Chm: Jim Shields

735-1203

Adv: Mr. Greg Furness

798-4518



Activities....

By looking on the first page of this Tab, you will be able to see basically what the Activities Committee will be doing all winter. However, a few items do not deserve front page headlines.

For the banquet; Activities must provide a display. Anyone having ideas as to what it should consist of, please contact the chairman. As of this moment, we are considering a photographic view of lodge functions over the past year. We need photos from every and all lodge members. The pictures should be sent to me at 22 West Woods Road, Great Neck 11020 and will be returned on request.

For the Third Annual Training Conference; discussion groups must be planned.

For Operation Igloo; we must purchase hay to be sold to the troops. This year, unlike the past, the hay will be ordered by the troops in advance during the Igloo Training Conferences. Salesmen will be needed.

On a personal note, I would like to thank those two, fast moving, athletic boys who in an hour and a half helped me to set up the dining hall for 370 people at the feed on the Wauwepex Work Weekend (even if we forgot the napkins.)

Chm: Dave Brooks 487-2937
Adv: Mr. Otis Shull 798-5772

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pants or jeans, a hat which covers your ears, long underwear, gloves and two pairs of socks (one cotton to be worn under a pair of woolen). This clothing should be worn to the bus as we will go directly to the slopes.

To make your reservations, mail \$8.50 for transportation or \$12.50 for the transportation and rentals; and \$1.75 for insurance if desired. Checks or money orders should be made out to "Peak Alta Tours." Your reservation should consist of your name, address, town, zip, phone number, height and shoe size and should be mailed to:

Dave Brooks
22 West Woods Road
Great Neck, NY 11020

The deadline is January 31, 1971. Further information can be obtained by contacting me at 487-2937. I'll be happy to answer all questions.

Hope to see you all there.

--Dave Brooks, Activities Chm.

NEW ORDEAL VOTING PROCEDURE

(NOTE: Read the "Chief's Quill" on page 2 for information on the election procedure changes. Arrowmen are still needed to serve as election covers in the spring. Send your name, address, phone, and district number to the Home Troop Elections Chairman Scott Wood, 18 Arlington La., Bayville 11709.)

In the new Ordeal election procedure it is first necessary to determine the number of boys eligible for election and the number of actively registered boys in the unit. Then it is possible to determine the maximum number of candidates that each boy voting may vote for as indicated in the table. (Note that this is not necessarily the number of boys that will be elected.)

Table To Determine the Maximum Number of Names on the Ballot

No. Of Eligible Boys	No. Of Actively Registered Boys In The Unit	Maximum Names On Ballot....
1 - 2	2 and up	1
3 - 4	4 - 14	1
	Over 14	2
5 - 6	6 - 24	2
	Over 24	3
7 - 8	8 - 18	2
	19 - 34	3
	Over 34	4
9 - 10	10 - 30	3
	31 - 44	4
	Over 44	5
11 - 12	12 - 20	3
	21 - 41	4
	42 - 54	5
	Over 54	6
13 - 14	14 - 33	4
	34 - 52	5
	53 - 64	6
	Over 64	7
15 - 18+	16 - 21	4
	22 - 45	5
	46 - 62	6
	63 - 74	7
	Over 74	8

+For each additional 4 eligible boys add 1 to maximum on ballot.

ELECTION EXAMPLE

Statistics of Unit

Actively registered members: 25
(Determined by Unit Leader.)

Attendance at Election: 18 (Can hold election because 50 per cent or more of the actively registered membership is present.)

No. of Boys Eligible: 5 (Determined by the Unit Leader according to National Order of the Arrow standards and requirements.)

Maximum names on ballot: 3 (Obtained from chart.)

Sample Election Procedure

1. Names of eligible boys are listed alphabetically. (In the example: Brown, Doe, Horn, Jones, Smith.)

2. Ballots are distributed to the 18 boys present. They are instructed that the maximum number of names on the ballot is 3 (determined from chart) but they can vote for fewer than three if they feel fewer are eligible.

3. The ballots are collected. One boy does not turn in his ballot because he is new in the unit and did not want to participate in the election. The 17 submitted ballots are tallied. All votes count equally. The tally of votes comes to: Brown, 15; Doe, 9; Horn, 16; Jones, 8; Smith, 1; No Vote, 2. (The vote tally is never announced.)

4. All eligible boys that received votes from at least half of those voting are elected. (See "Chief's Quill") The "half" figure is determined by taking the number of ballots turned in, dividing it by 2, and dropping any fraction. (In the example: 17 ballots were turned in. $17/2$ equals $8\frac{1}{2}$ which indicates that 8 votes are needed to be elected.) The unit leader, if he so desires, may announce the names of the electees. (In the example there are FOUR: Brown, Doe, Horn, and Jones. Note again that the number elected does not necessarily equal the number of names on the ballot. Those receiving the votes of half of the members voting are elected.)

WORKDAY (Continued from page 1)

The Council, Lodge, and Brothers were very grateful for the work that was accomplished. We hope the 1971 Workday will be as successful as this one was. Special thanks are extended to Ed Crawford, the new Harkness Ranger.



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