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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

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'71-72 NOMINATIONS

On January 3, 1971 the Nominating Committee met to name a tentative slate of Lodge Officers for the 1971-72 term of office. At a previous Meeting of the Minds a list of qualified Brothers was suggested. At this meeting questionnaires concerning Order of the Arrow, Scouting, school, and church leadership activities, were sent out. These questionnaires were used as the basis for the Jan. 3 meeting.

In order to strip the Nominating Committee of its cloak of secrecy I will list the members of the Committee and their respective representation. As you can see the members cover a wide spectrum of the lodge in order that the selections remain as fair as possible.

Members-at-Lodge (pun)

Kenneth Schneider - Chairman
John Giammanco - Advisor
Tom Rhinehart - Lodge Chief
Joe Bonnadonna - Little Chief
Mr. George Smalling - Lay Lodge Advisor
Mr. Joe DeCanio - Lodge Advisor
Lt. Mike Kelly-- Past Committee Advisor
Kenneth Wessonberg - Ancient Committee Advisor

Paul Plate - Ancient Lodge Chief
Kevin Monahan - Ordeal representative
B. Bob Somerville - Brotherhood rep.
Gaberiel Gluck - Brotherhood rep.
Gary Wildung - Vigil rep.
Mr. Victor Lambert Sr. - District 1. rep.
T. Ted Allegra - District 1. rep.
Mr. Sturgess Shields - District 2. rep.
David Goode - District 2. rep.
Paul Becker - District 2. rep.
Rick Brussel - District 3. rep.
Dave Blaushild - District 3. rep.
Papa James Van Tassel - District 3. rep.
Mr. Robert Peters - District 4. rep.
Steve "Flash" Azzaro - District 4. rep.
Ken Hartmann - District 4. rep.
Steven Schull - District 4. rep.
Doug Robinson - District 5. rep.
Peter Schwarz - District 5. rep.
Mr. Otis Schull - District 6. rep.
Bob Wilson - District 6. rep.
Tony Marren - District 4. rep.
Mr. Russ Rench Jr. - ? rip.

After extensive liberation and meditation the committee has arrived at a tentative slate of officers-remember, a tentative slate which can always be changed through petition.

LODGE CHIEF

Gabe Gluck
Gary Wildung

LITTLE LODGE CHIEF

Joe Bonadonna
Bob Sadock

RECORDING SECRETARY

Neil Getter
Bruce Philpott

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Dave Brooks
Ronnie Schnall
TREASURER
Kevin Monahan

As you can see no real choice is offered in the offices of Little Lodge Chief (two Little Lodge Chiefs are required) and Treasurer. It is the Nominating Committee's job to find Brothers who are

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PETITIONS

The only final thing that the Nominating Committee does is count the ballots-why even this preliminary slate isn't final. Hopefully, after reading the previous dramatic display of words you will see how necessary petitions are-especially with the nature of this years slate. It is impossible for the Nominating Committee to be informed of all the qualified Brothers in this Lodge. If you are one of these Brothers or know of a qualified Brother don't be shy--be a MAN about it get a petition together. The procedure is simple. The petition must

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Remember the Neediest

Everyone in the Lodge I'm sure, is aware of the significance of the Scout uniform. It identifies one with a world brotherhood with millions of members. Although it is not the most important part of being a scout, it does add something. Do you remember how proud you were of your first uniform? It is unfortunate that not everyone can experience that feeling. There are some scouts, because of various circumstances, do not have a uniform.

How does this affect you as a member of Buckskin Lodge? My Brothers, one of the principles of our Order is service. You can do a great service by donating uniforms or uniform parts for a less fortunate Brother. The Inter-Relations Committee will collect uniforms at most Lodge functions during the next four months. Uniforms may also be donated through your unit representative. The uniforms should be in usable condition. How about parting with that shirt or pair of pants that you've grown out of? The uniforms will then be distributed in this council.

If you know anyone who is no longer in scouts, but still may have a uniform, arrange to pick it up for your next meeting. You might also want to mention this uniform drive at your troop or post meeting; Scouts or Explorers who are not OA members will have donations also.

Thanks for your cooperation. Let's make this drive as successful as possible.

--the Inter-Relations Committee



FEB 3 Deadline for March TAB

FEB 4 Training for Oper. Igloo

FEB 13 Petition deadline

FEB 21 Exec. Com. Mtg. Harkness 1 pm

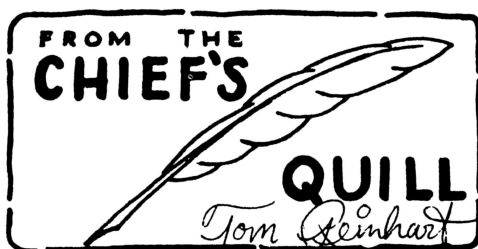
FEB 27 Ski Trip

FEB 27 Area 2J Dinner Fort Hamilton

MAR 5 March TAB

Mar 10 Deadline for April TAB

Mar 21 Exec. Com. Mtg. Harkness 1 pm



In the Fall 1970 issue of the National Order of the Arrow Bulletin there appeared an article which I thought would be of general interest to the Lodge. It was a letter written by Thomas Fielder, the Chief of the 1969 National Conference. An excerpt from the letter read as follows:

"Dear Brothers:

While traveling and visiting many of our lodges around the country. . . , I have noticed, unfortunately, many poor examples of proper uniforming. . . . I have seen and heard of many poor examples, but perhaps the most glaring one . . . occurred along the eastern seaboard: The Scoutmaster of a fully uniformed troop was so irked by an election team that he mentioned it to the national office. It seems that the three Arrowmen thought enough of the Order to wear their sashes--but not enough of either Scouting or the Order to even bother wearing uniforms; one even wore blue jeans for the election visit."

The letter was not referring to any Lodge in particular, but I myself know of at least one instance where O.A. members of this Lodge were out of uniform when they conducted an election. Being out of uniform at a unit election gives everyone the impression that the O.A. is an informal organization, whose members turn on to Scouting or turn off to it whenever they please. Wearing the uniform means you are an active participator in the Order and in the Scouting movement. If you are a member of this year's Home Troop elections committee, I trust that after reading this you will not neglect to wear your complete uniform when you conduct elections this spring.

The letter above reminds me of another item concerning O.A. elections that should be brought up at this time. Letters have been sent out to all Scoutmasters and Post Advisors in Nassau requesting them to select a date for their unit's O.A. election. If you are a unit leader and did not receive a letter, you can obtain one at Harkness or by contacting the elections chairman, Scott Wood.

Also, boy members of our Lodge are still needed to conduct unit elections. If you would like to run a unit election in your area, simply contact the chairman Scott Wood and volunteer. With your help and

cooperation, the O.A. elections can and will run smoothly during the spring months.

Firm Bound in Brotherhood,
Tom Reinhart
Netami Sakima

from the

EDITOR'S DESK

"People have to make their own decisions even the decisions might be tough for others. You can't help it, you have the right to lead your own life; others don't make you, you make yourself. But it is hard to be considerate when driven to make a vital decision. It's too bad people can't understand other people's own motives. We should be able to work it out if we are able to change. People must change or they will lead to their own destruction. Destruction may not be death, it may be loss of mind, confidence, or ultimate hatred. It seems many people have come to this "Destruction." They are destroyed and aren't doing much of anything to stop our destruction, so it's up to us. They can make up a good excuse for why the world is the way it is and why they can't change it. Even though change is difficult, these people usually say we younger people are inexperienced, which is true. But these people are supposedly more experienced than we, then why the excuses for no change? They have lived for so long and

must have looked forward into the light and had seen the troubles of this world. But still no change. Why? Don't ask me, I'm inexperienced!!!"D.O.

Change is needed in the form of "Brotherhood" if we are to continue not only as a Lodge but as a nation. The Christmas season has passed; we are now in the year 1971. The spirit of the Christmas season is to have "love" for your fellow man; yet this only seems to last for a two week period out of an entire year. Why not extend the Christmas spirit to a whole year?

In this issue of the TAB there is the slate of Brothers who will be running for office in the '71 elections. Consider each one of them for their potential office. In the April issue of the TAB there will be the complete biographies of these Brothers. Read each one carefully, remember the officers of the Lodge are elected by the Brothers under 21 years of age.

The December issue of the TAB and this issue are being done by a new type of printing process. There is a tremendous difference in these issues of the TAB then there has been in the past. The TAB now has that "professional" look. I hope everyone appreciates this improvement. Let us remember **PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARDS ALL MEN**

--Neil Getter



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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Area and National Relations.....

This August 24-28, the Order of the Arrow will be holding its 56th Anniversary National Conference at the University of Illinois. Total attendance at the conference will be about 5,000 Brothers from Lodges throughout the United States.

The Conference fee (excluding transportation) will be \$45.00. This covers food, lodging, insignia, and all activities. All new and old Brothers are urged to plan now to attend due to the limited availability of space.

You will be hearing more about the conference in future issues of the TAB, so plan ahead.

Chm: Alek Szecsy 731-4069
Adv: Mr. Russ Rensch Sr. 735-6752



Dance Team.

Since the last issue of the TAB, the Buckskin Lodge Indian Dancers performed for five different organizations. We also held our first Council-wide activity, a social pow-wow on December 12.

The mimeograph machine is rolling off our Indian monthly publication, the Newsletter. All interested Brothers are urged to call us and receive a free subscription.

The coming months will see us busy with more public dance presentations and an Indian lore workshop for all Scouts in the Council.

Remember, the Dance Team is not only geared for dancers. Collectors, craftsman, and history buffs will also find our service activities very interesting.

Chm: Tom Biolsi 781-6739
Adv: Mr. Jim VanTassel 249-3560

B.S.A. Inter-Relations.

This month, the advisor of this committee, Mr. Carlos W. Kebe, temporarily left our Lodge to go to school in West Virginia. I would like to thank Carlos for all the help he has given to the committee and myself since September. The Inter-Relations Committee sends him the best of luck at Salem.

Chm: Bruce Philpott 333-4237



Orientation.

This committee's part in the Banquet was extremely successful. The slide show that was seen on display highlighted the high ideals of the Order, Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. The Lodge is greatly appreciative of those of you who were in the slide show, for you were able to "Catch the Higher Vision. . ."

I would like to thank our "Silver-Throated Brotherhood Chairman, Gabe Gluck, who spent many hours in my basement recording Meteu's prayer. A special thanks to my advisor, Mr. Harold Snedeker, whose technical assistance made this all possible.

Those of you who have signed up for this committee have not been forgotten. Due to the new election procedure, the handbook must be redone all over again. We will start around February 1 (mid-term examinations.)

Those who still wish to sign up for the committee may call or write the chairman.

Chm: Dave Blaushild 433-6085
Adv: Mr. Harold Snedeker 223-1866



FOLK-ROCK CONCERT

Do you remember the Hootenany? Well, it is still on but under a different name.

This year, on April 2, Buckskin Lodge presents its Seventh Annual Folk-Rock Concert. The purpose of this new name is to accurately describe the happening that will take place in Great Neck on that Friday night.

At this print deadline for this article, a rock group and several folk singers have volunteered their services. We are very appreciative and would like a few more people. You need not have any real talent, just the ability to fool about on stage.

Tickets will be on sale for a nominal fee to cover expenses in the March TAB. So save your pennies.

For a great concert.

--Dave Brooks

NOMINATIONS (Continued from Page 1)

qualified to run for the specific office. It seems reprehensible that not enough Brothers were found in a lodge of this size. It does not take much intelligence to simply complain and blame our fellow Brother. Maybe for once we should search our own hearts and ask, "Why am I not qualified? If I am qualified why hadn't I sent in a request for a questionnaire?" Maybe this is where the weakness lies. The Nominating Committee can only work with the Brothers who requested to run; we can not create qualified Brothers. The above slate shows those Brothers who were willing to run and who the Nominating Committee considered simply-qualified to run. However, you still have a chance to repent through petitioning. Elsewhere in this Tab you will see how simple it is to put yourself or another qualified Brother on the slate. Let us not be the Brotherhood of Habitual Complainers; but the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. As the late Dr. Albert Schweitzer once said: "One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

Ken Aaron Schneider
Nominating Chairman

Come All Skiers

Do you have reservations about going skiing? Afraid of breaking or spraining something? Don't be. Our trip is offering free instruction with safety being stressed which is just perfect for the beginners through the experts.

We will be skiing Belleayre on February 27, 1971. The bus will leave at 5:30 AM and will return that evening. The departure point will be Harkness Training Center in Roslyn.

The price is \$8.50 including coach transportation both ways and instruction. Skis, boots, and poles can be rented for \$4.00. Insurance is an additional \$1.75 which is recommended (totaling \$14.25).

The deadline for reservations is Feb. 3, however special arrangements can be made after that date with me by calling 487-29337.

To reserve your place, please mail a check or money order with your name, address, phone number, height, and shoe size to:

Dave Brooks
22 West Woods Rd.
Great Neck, NY 11020

Checks should be payable to "Peak Alta Tours."

Hope to see you all there.

---- Activities Committee

A Night to Remember

The Lodge Banquet of 1970 is now only an evening of the past. But this year's Banquet surely rates as one of the greatest every held. The evening's gala festivities began with Frank Ostaseski as M.C. and his opening speech he had presented, which to all was well done and the message received.

After grace, everyone sat down to an enjoyable meal consisting of roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and gravy. The dessert of a parfait, really was a sight to feast eyes on.

But, alas, sad news was told. Greg Furness who was supposed to lead everybody in a sing-a-long. Suddenly like a sun breaking through an overcast sky, the gap was filled with none other than the one and only--Charlie Berenson. Charlie, in full glory, led everybody in the sing-a-long as said on the program.

The rest of the night saw Little Lodge Chief and 20th Anniversary Awards Chairman Larry Starr present the certificate and patch to those who earned it. Those Brothers who were inducted to the Vigil Honor were presented their sash and certificate.

Dr. Tom Haggai, well-known as both a scout and preacher, gave a very impressive speech. Afterwards, Mr. James Davenport, Council Executive; Mr. Joe DeCanio, Lodge Lay Advisor; and Mr. George Smalling, Lodge Staff Advisor, each gave a speech worthy of praise.

This night, as all good things have to, ended with Meteu's prayer. The theme of the Banquet was Peace Through Brotherhood. As the banquet hall emptied, many a Brother waved goodbye to all old and new friends with the resolution to make 1971 the year of Peace Through Brotherhood.

Many thanks to Bruce Barnett, Banquet Chairman; Mr. Hank Croner, Advisor; Mr. Cliff Verity, Co-Advisor; and all the Brothers who made the Banquet the spectacular success it was.

--Tony Marren



OPERATION IGLOO

The last Training date for this year's Igloo will be held on February 4th. Get your reservations in to Council with your money so your post or troop can go.

AREA NEWS

Bruce Philpott, Inter-Relations Chairman was recently appointed Area 2J Secretary by Area 2J Chief, Bruce Berger.

REMEMBER THERE IS NO
FEBRUARY TAB



Letters to the Editor

Dear Brothers,

As Brothers of the Order of the Arrow, we all have the common purpose to serve others. It is true that we serve our fellow Scouts through Work Weekends and other means, but the meaning of SERVICE is not and should not be restricted to Scouting alone. There have been some projects devoted to serving the community, such as the recent Canned Foods Drive, but they are few and far between. I am sure that there are many more projects in Nassau County, but people are not looking for them. We can not blame the Committee Chairman, because they can't plan and or coordinate projects that they don't know about. The responsibility of informing them falls on the heads of YOU.

Many troops perform projects that might be a greater success if done on a larger scale. Since every troop has a representative (or should), he could help spread the project to all of Nassau County, through what we might be called an information relay system, by calling his District Rep., who will take it from there.

The Inter-Relations Committee is the largest in the Lodge, because whether you are registered with the current chairman or not, you are in a way a member. With at least one member in every town, it should be very easy to find at least two projects in each district. A small group of people can't do this. Very few people are able to find a project outside of a mile and a half of their homes, simply because they don't know the area. I know I can't, and am sure that many other people can't either.

If you only want to do HALF the job, then you don't have to do anything, but who wants to get half his grade on anything he does. All it takes is some imagination on your part, just say to yourself, "There's a worthy project. How can the OA help?"

Witahemui Service
Roy Benasaraf

---In relation to paragraph three of your letter, check page fifteen of Buckskin Lodge Handbook, Volume V. If you want a project to be known why not use the TAB? It would be easier than calling 420 troop representatives. Since Bruce Philpott, Inter-Relations Chairman, sent 420 letters to all troops and posts, and only received 40 percent answers, this means that there is more than half the troops without reps.

---ED.

Dear Neil,

There comes a time each year when all eligible Ordeal members are asked to decide if they would want to seal their vows as a member of Brotherhood.

When I first received my letter, my first thought was: Am I ready or do I really want to become Brotherhood now? The answer of course was yes! Sure I wanted to become Brotherhood, but why? Here is why.

To me at least, it is a sort of "rebirth" of trying to serve your fellow man to the best of your ability, which to even get into the Order, we pledged to uphold in the traditions of our Order, that of Cheerfulness, Brotherhood, and Service.

Some think that becoming Brotherhood is an honor, maybe so some eighteen or nineteen years ago, but it has been changed! It is now something only the Brother can decide; which is something you should owe yourself.

I guess this letter will probably go unheeded, but even if one Brother chooses to seal his vows after reading this letter, he probably wouldn't only make the Brotherhood Committee happy, the person himself would be happy as well.

Firm Bound in Brotherhood,
Tony Marren

--The letter wasn't unheeded, it was published for all the Brothers to read. --ED.

PETITIONS (Continued from Page 1)

consist of the name and address of the nominee, and not less than twenty-five (25) signatures of Lodge members to indicate some support. All petitions must be mailed before February 13 to:

Kenneth A. Schneider

89-03 266 St.

Floral Park, N.Y. 11001

Also call Ken A. Schneider at 212-347-7718 who will mail you a form requesting a short biographical sketch.