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"The Cry of the Wolf of Self-Reliance"

JUNE 18, 1971

GLUCK ELECTED CHIEF

A Look At the Past

On the Onteora Weekend, the news that everyone was waiting for was announced — Gabe Gluck will be next years Lodge Chief. After the ballots had been tabulated the following slate of officers was announced:

- Lodge Chief
Gabe Gluck
- Little Lodge Chief
Joe Bonnadonna
Gary Wildung
- Corresponding Secretary
Dave Brooks
- Recording Secretary
Bruce Philpott
- Treasurer
Bob Somerville



Gabe Gluck (left) being congratulated by Tom Reinhart

The Lodge history is published annually and normally distributed at the Banquet. This year it wasn't because the last history was published in the September Tab. Hopefully the next history will be given out at the 1972 Banquet.

July & August 70

During the summer months the Lodge gave its full service at both camps. At Onteora a total of 419 scouts were inducted into the Lodge under the leadership of Carlos Kebe. Joe Bruno, summer chief at Wauwepex, inducted 201 candidates. Gabe Gluck and his Brotherhood Committee had approximately 160 Brothers seal their vows in the Brotherhood. During the second, third, and fourth periods a total of 12 Brothers were called to the Vigil Honor at Onteora. At Camp Wauwepex 4 Brothers were called forth for the Honor.

September 70

The Area 2J Conclave was held on the 11-13. It was hosted by the Shinnecock Lodge at Camp Baiting Hollow in Suffolk County. The Buckskin Lodge was represented by 75 Brothers under the leadership of Tom Reinhart. A good time was had by all. On the Onteora weekend 75 new members were inducted while 22 brothers sealed their vows in the Brotherhood. Tom Reinhart was ceremoniously installed as Lodge Chief on the weekend. Forty Brothers completed the requirements for the Twentieth Anniversary Award. A Buckskin Cabin Committee was set up to explore the possibility of replacing the old cabin at OSR with a new one.

This is the last Editor's Desk of the correct that 381 of you voted for. They will begin serving their term as officers of this Lodge on September 1, 1971.

In this election cries of "undemocratic" and vote for Alfred E. Neuman and Uncas were heard. Let me address myself to the deaf ear out there in Tabland. In this Lodge there is no need for the executive committee to promote complaints from the Lodge members. But where were all these complainers when nominations were asked for, during the election, and on work days.

The following is addressed to the 381 Brothers who exerted themselves and voted. Yes, the slate was not the finest example of democracy. But what should we do? You did not tell the Committee who else out there was qualified for Lodge Chief or Little Lodge Chief. Petitions would have been gladly accepted. To express ones opinion is beautiful. But it is merely complaining when the world has already been annihilated. And when 381 out of the 1800 eligible Brothers vote, the majority of the Lodge doesn't seem too interested in "democracy".

Well, we all can complain when Der Fuhrer comes!!!!

—The Nominating Committee

LAST CHANCE!

There are still a few spaces left in our delegation to the 1971 Area Conclave. As mentioned in last months TAB, the Conclave will be held at Alpine Scout Camp in New Jersey. The cost, which covers food and lodgings is \$5.50.

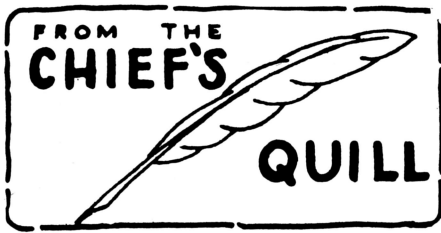
The weekend will be highlighted by informative discussion groups, the indian dance competition, the OA Olympics, and the inevitable patch trading. To register for the Conclave, use the registration form in last months TAB or send your NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, AND YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER together with \$5.50 (Make checks payable to B.S.A.) to:

Alek Szecsy
240 Bellmore Road
East Meadow, N.Y. 11554

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS:
JUNE 28.

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My brothers, as you are reading this column, several hundred scouts in Nassau County are eagerly awaiting and preparing to attend summer camp at Onteora and Wauwepex. Perhaps I may be addressing myself at this time to the boy members of the Lodge, but the adults should take heed as well.

You wear the arrow. The boys in your unit all know it; after all, they elected you—they wanted you to wear it. Deep down inside, they appreciated all the concern and assistance you demonstrated for them. You were someone they could call on whenever they were uncertain, whenever they needed help.

If you are attending summer camp, this is the time when the solemn obligation you once took will be tested. When you are with your unit for two weeks, whether it be your home unit or provisional, the non-member will turn to you first for advice or assistance. Your faithfulness will be under a constant watch at summer camp, rather than sporadically at meetings and on short hikes during the school year.

Wear your arrow and your pocket flap proudly, but prove to others that you are truly worthy of it: This summer, will you "seal to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities?" At camp will you "endeavor . . . to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others?"

Summer camp with your unit will provide an excellent testing ground for the O.A.'s principles. Live up to them, and you will be greatly rewarded with the satisfaction that it brings.

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I offer my congratulations to the new officers-elect for next year, with confidence that they will successfully meet the challenges that lie before them. I also thank those hundreds of Brothers who have actively helped this administration during the year, and hope they will continue in their service to participate next year under the able leadership of Gabe Gluck. Unfortunately, there are scores of others in this Lodge who are quite capable of serving but do not. These people know who they are and should try to turn over a new leaf next year and take on their share of the Lodge's responsibilities.

Onward to summer camp, and enjoy your summer!

Yours in W.W.W.,
Tom Reinhart

from the EDITOR'S DESK

This is the last Editor's Desk of the year that I will be writing. The **Buckskin Tab** for this years administration has been drastically been changed for the better. The **Tab** is being done by a new printer which has improved the appearance of the paper 100 percent. The exchange file was updated and so was the files containing the past issues of the **Tabs**. This had not been done in the last two years. This year we had a May and June **Tabs**, which is more than I can say for last year.

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This year we experienced a great deal of "apathy". People are habitual complainers but when they are asked to contribute they always have an excuse. The **Tab** had its critics this year as usual, but when the people who were doing the complaining were asked to help out with an issue, they just didn't have the "time." The **Tab** was not the only committee to experience this. Take a look at the attendance of the work weekends, Harkness work days etc. It is truly amazing that the Lodge can now claim

2600 active members, The Lodge has never been this large before, yet they have never experienced so many troubles before. What make s a person active? All you have to do is mail \$1.00 to the Treasurer and you are considered an active member. What a joke!!! There are probably no more than three hundred truly active members in this Lodge. It is about time we do something with our "extraneous" material before we capitulate ourselves.
—Neil Getter



July

- 10 — Ordeal tap at OSR and Wauwepex; first period
- 24 — Ordeal tap at OSR and Wauwepex; second period

August

- 1 — **TAB** deadline for the Sept. **Tab**
- 7 — Ordeal tap at OSR and Wauwepex; third period
- 21 — Ordeal tap at OSR and Wauwepex; fourth period

September

- 1 — September **Tab**
- 11 — 13 - Area 2J Conclave at Alpine Scout Camp.

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THE PAST (from page 1)

October 70

The Wauwepex Weekend saw 100 new brothers inducted and 16 seal their vows. A new lodge publication "The Buckskin Bat" made its debut, which received a hardy laugh.

November 70

On November 21 the first of two Harkness Workdays was held. Attendance was slow at first but 60 Brothers ended up at Harkness for a good day's work. National sent out new election procedures revamping the present system. Among the changes instituted was a need of fifty percent of the vote to win and a removal of the Eagle bonus. Gabe Gluck introduced a 5-Point Plan in order to increase and improve Communications within the Lodge. The Nominating Committee began working on the 71-72 ballot.

December 70

The Twenty-First Annual Banquet was once again held at the Garden City Hotel on December 30. The theme of the Banquet was "Peace Through Brotherhood" The 1200 Brothers who attended listened to a fine and unforgettable speech by Tom Hagaai, a well known scouter and preacher. The long awaited Twentieth Anniversary Awards were given out, and those Brothers who made Vigil were given their sashes and Indian Names. All in all the Banquet was an enjoyable experience.

January 71

The Nominating Committee drew up its first ballot of officers. It included Gabe Gluck and Gary Wildung as nominees for Lodge Chief. The Inter-Relations Committee set up a drive for uniforms for the next four months. Bruce Philpott, Inter-Relations Chairman, was appointed Area 2J Secretary by the Area Chief Bruce Berger.

February 71

The 71 Brothers and friends scheduled to go on the Ski Trip this month were disappointed when the trip was cancelled due to heavy rains. A revised ballot was published by the Nominating Committee. The changes included Gabe Gluck running unopposed for Lodge Chief and three petitions; one for Little Lodge Chief by Gary Wildung and two for Treasurer by Bob Sommerville and Bob Ganin.

March 71

March 6 was a busy day this month with the occurrence of three functions. The first was the rescheduled Ski Trip at Holiday Mountain, which was a great success. The second was the Area 2J

Dinner held at Fort Hamilton. Buckskin Lodge was represented by eight brothers under Tom Reinhart's leadership. Finally the Vigil Committee closed its extended nominations with 25 nominations received. The new election procedures put out by National Council were adopted as a part of our Rules & Regulations.

April 71

On April 2 the Hootenany, whose name was changed to Folk-Rock Concert, was held. The Concert was a success even though attendance by lodge members was low. The Final Ballot was published, the nominees were:

LODGE CHIEF

Gabe Gluck

LITTLE LODGE CHIEF

Gary Wildung

Joe Bonadonna

RECORDING SECRETARY

Neil Getter

Bruce Philpott

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Dave Brooks

Ron Schnall

TREASURER

Roy Benasaraf

Stuart Bricker

Brian Ganin

Kevin Monahan

Bob Sommerville

John Spadaro

The Sixth Edition of the Buckskin Lodge Handbook is almost completed. Its forward was written by Dave Boshea, National Secretary of the Order. At the end of the month, the Wauwepex Weekend was held. Approximately 15 brothers were inducted while ten Brothers sealed their vows in the Brotherhood.

"REAL MEN"

The Lenni-Lenapi Indians are known historically as part of the Delaware Indians. They come from the West across the great plains and settled in the Valley of the Delaware River which they called Lenapewihittuck meaning the "river" or the "stream of the Lenape."

The tribe consisted of 3 subtribes, the Unami, the Minsi, and the Unalachtigo, each having their own different territory and a slightly different dialect.

The Unami inhabited the Delaware River Valley from the Lehigh River south to the vicinity of New Castle, Delaware. They name this area Lahaska, meaning "great mountain!" The Unami had a turtle as their totem or heraldic badge.

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Buckskin's Memorial Gateway

Taking a walk around the lake at Wauwepex, one can see many different sights. As you walk you find off in the woods two chapels, a waterfront, and then the trading post. Looking down into the water, at this point, ones vision is blocked by rows of seats — it's the amphitheatre. As you stand at its gateway, you notice some kind of a sign. Raising your eyes upward, you catch the words "Buckskin Amphitheatre" A quick glance reveals the fact that it's some kind of plaque or something.

To any brother of the Lodge it's not just a "plaque or something" To him it's a Bronze Plaque, with a special purpose. The purpose of the Plaque is to memorialize those departed brothers of the Lodge. The inscription on top tells it all, it reads:

IN MEMORY OF THOSE BROTHERS WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR FELLOWS CHEERFULLY IN THE BEST TRADITION OF THE BUCKSKIN LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW — APRIL 1963

The plaque was put up in April 1963 as a memory to the Brothers of the Lodge who have died. Since its erection twenty-three names have been added to plaque, they are:

- Robert Geary
- Hector A. Donderi
- Addison L. Marvin Sr.
- Norman Van Druser
- Richard F. Hunter Sr.
- Herman Mitzner
- Arnold L. Levine
- Harold Caffrey
- W. Douglas Mathewson
- Herman F. Bormann
- Bernard R. Dunn
- Robert Kubinciak

- Harry A. Yoder
- Lt. Richard W. Harper USA
- Past Lodge Chief
- Robert Bond
- Frank M. Gonsalves
- Lt. Joseph W. Devlin USA
- Joseph W. Pulis
- M. Rudolph Pruess
- Herbert Sitzman
- William Schwind
- C. Ray Ross
- Robert Hascall

The last seven names will be attached this summer.

Take a walk down there someday and just stand for a moment and think of these brothers who are with us no longer.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



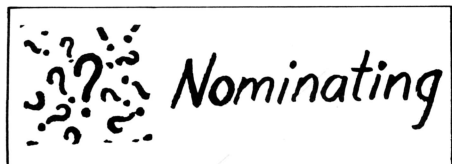
This has been a productive year for the BuckskinLodge Indian Dancers which saw many steps forward. We have taken on the additional responsibility of helping to strengthen the Indian Lore Program in our council.

In 1970-71, the B.L.I.D.'s performed for 15 different organizations. Some highlights of the year were winning the team and individual old-time awards at the '70 2J 2J conclive, performing for mentally handicapped children at Hofstra University, repairing the indian village at Tom Quick Pond, running a pow-wow and cookout at the southworth workshop, and sending two of our members out west with gifts of food and clothing for impoverished reservations. The pow-wow we sponsored and our Newsletter are examples of our efforts to bring indian lore to our scouts.

We are now planning a library to be used at camp and at home next year, and the publishing of an indian lore pamphlet. Four of our five members will staff the indian lore area at O.S.R. this summer.

At this time I wish to sincerely thank all the wonderful young men who along with our young women associates post 1876 made this a fruitful year—Wopila!

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



The Nominating Committee did an "impressive" job this year. Our accomplishments can be divided into three catagories—formulation of the slate, promotion of the election, and drawing up of new policies and procedures for the committee.

The committee first put together a list of nominees, from this list, we selected those people we felt best suited for the appropriate office. After this preliminary slate of nominees was published in the Tab, we promoted a petition drive, which was fairly successful with six candidates added to the slate. The ballots, candidates,

pictures, and biographies were presented to the Lodge in the April Tab. The ballots were counted and tabulated on the OSR weekend results announced on the weekend and in the June Tab.

Promotion of the election occured at the Banquet, the Wauwepex Weekend and in the Tab using various audiovisual means.

Meetings were held and are still being held in order to change and discuss the policies and the procedures of the Nominating Committee (hopefully for the better.) Ther results of these meetings will be published in the near future. I would like to thank the following for the unlimited service that they rendered: Tom Reinhart, Joe Bonnadonna, Kevin Monahan, Bob Somerville, Gary Wildung, Paul Becker, Mr. Sturgess Shields, Rick Brussel, Dave Blaushild, Steve Azzaro, Ken Hartmann, Doug Robinson, Bob Wilson, Mr. Otis Shull, Gabe Gluck, Jim Van Tassel, Tony Marren, Frank Ostaseski, Don Heiberg, Bob Sadock, Mr. Jack Brussel, Larry Starr and a special hug to:

Ted Allegra, Steve Shull and John Giammanco.
Chm: Ken Schneider 212-347-7718
Adv: Mr. John Giammanco Jr. 427-5758



The end of our present administration is rapidly approaching, therefore I would like to take this moment to express my thanks to those brothers who helped by serving on my committee.

During this past year we were able to take photographs of the various activities our Lodge sponsored and set up displays on the different work weekends. We have completed the one big project-writing the Lodge history. We have had reasonable success in locating the pocket flaps put out by our Lodge. We now have have three out of five patches and are hoping to get the other two by the end of the year.

Once again I'd like to thank those brothers who served throughout the year on the committee.

Chm: Ken Hartmann 541-8510
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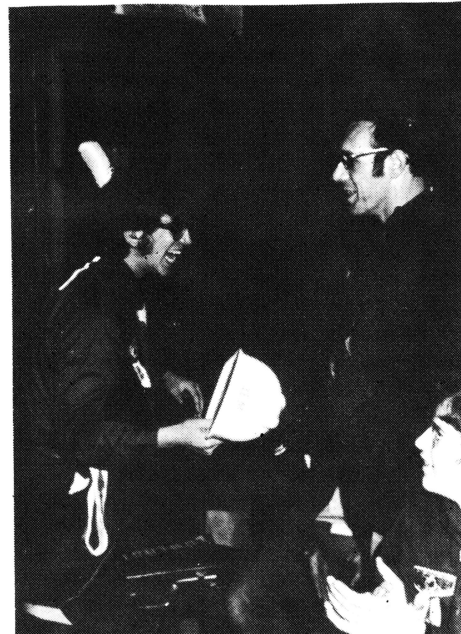


The Area & National Relations Committee has, as usual, played a sedate role in the operations of Buckskin Lodge. This years committee was headed by Alek Szecsy. In addition to the Area Meetings, which were held at one or two month intervals, the Area & National Relations Comm. had the following special events:

1. 1970 Area Conclave — held at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, it was attended by approximately 65 Buckskin Brothers.
2. Area Dinner — Held in the Officers Club of Fort Hamilton, it was attended by 8 Buckskin Brothers.

Two other events also under the auspices of the Area and National Relations Committee are scheduled for August and September. They are as follows:

1. National O.A. Conference — Will be held at the University of Illinois, August 24-28. The Buckskin delegation will consist of 13 Brothers under the leadership of Tom Reinhart.
2. 1971 Area Conclave — To be held at Alpine Scout Camp on the weekend of Sept. 11-13. Buckskin's delegation is expected to reach 45.
Chm: Alek Szecsy 731-4069
Adv: Mr. Russ Rensch Sr. 735-6752



Gabe's donation to the lodge

 **NEXT TAB**
SEPTEMBER 1

1971-72 BUDGET

	1971-72 Budget	1970-71 Budget (A)	Comments of 1971-72
INCOME			
Dues and Statements	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 2,600.00	Budget (F)
Trunk Resale and Inventory	11,250.00	12,000.00	Lodge Dues — \$2.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	1,500.00	(B)
Carryover balance	2,200.00	9,310.07	(C)
Total Income	17,750.00	25,410.07	(D)
DISBURSEMENTS			(E)
Lodge Chief	100.00	150.00	Misc. Exp.
Little Lodge Chief No. 1	30.00	30.00	Misc. Exp.
Little Lodge Chief No. 2	30.00	30.00	Misc. Exp.
Activities	25.00	50.00	Mailings, Phone
Area & Natl Relations	20.00	30.00	Printings, Mailings
Banquet	5.00	.00	Mailings, Phone
Brotherhood	20.00	65.00	Letters, Postage
Buckskin Tab	2,300.00	2,100.00	Printings, Photos, Sundry
Camp Promotions	170.00	150.00	New Slides, Postage
Ceremonial Ring	75.00	155.00	Ring Repair, Candles, Misc. Supplies
Ceremonial Costume	150.00	150.00	Costume (repair & new), makeup
College Secretary	40.00	35.00	Tab mailings, postage
Dance Team	110.00	120.00	Costumes, Mailings, Phone
Finance	300.00	400.00	Dues Cards, Dues Forms, Envelopes
Help	150.00	200.00	Printing, Address-o-graph Supplies
Historian	25.00	25.00	Photos, Scrapbook
Home Troop Elections	75.00	125.00	Mailings, Printing
Inter-Relations	75.00	100.00	Nametag holders, Printings
District Chairman (12)	60.00	60.00	Misc. Exp. (71-72 \$5 ea., 70-71 \$10 ea.)
Membership	75.00	100.00	Postage, Membership record cards
Nominating	50.00	80.00	Ballots, Election Promotions
Orientation	50.00	40.00	Slides, Ptg. Mailing
Policy	5.00	10.00	Misc. Exp.
Service	35.00	1,025.00	(G)
Trunk	10,000.00	12,000.00	Trunk Supplies (B)
Vigil	110.00	120.00	Sashes, Natl Fees, Certificates
Reserve for FY 71	200.00	2,689.69	Prior Year Expenses
Funds for Special Requisition	2,850.00	4,284.38	(H)
National and Area Fees	75.00	51.00	Charter Fees
Office Supplies	150.00	235.00	Stationary, Envelopes
Postage	400.00	300.00	Bulk Mailings of the Tab,
Total Disbursements	17,750.00	25,410.07	HTE, Brotherhood, Finance (Dues), Inter-relations, Camp Promotions

Misc. In-Out Accounts — Banquet expenses, Straw Expenses, Work Weekend Expenses are carried as balanced in-out accounts and do not appear in the budget. Any profit from them goes into misc. income.

Notes

- (A) 1970-71 Budget with additional appropriations.
 (B) Actual trunk profit is expected to be about \$1,250.00 which will subsidize the expenses of the Lodge.
 (C) Large amount in 1970-71 is due to the closing of the Lodge's savings account.
 (D) Carryover balance is greatly decreased because of the numerous additional expenses during 1970-71
 (E) Total Income for 1971-72 suggests an increase in the dues to \$2.00 per member. The reinstatement fee will remain at \$1.00 additional
 (F) The comments column for the Disbursements identifies the purpose for the budget of each committee. All actual expenses must be documented with receipts for the expenditures. Additional monies for special events must be approved by the Executive Committee.
 (G) The Service Committee budget for 1970-71 includes appropriations for special projects such as painting Frontier Dining Hall at Camp Wauwepex
 (H) Reserved for additional expenditures approved by the Lodge.



Real Men (From Page 3)

The turtle clan was governing family in any nation and claimed ascendancy over the wolf and turkey families. The turtle was the atlas of their mythology who bore the great island—the earth—upon his back. They were a tall, erect, broad shouldered people with small waists and of tan reddish brown complexion. They wore their straight black hair long or burned off all except a scalp lock. Lenni-Lenape means "real men."

—Mr. Stanley Drupieski