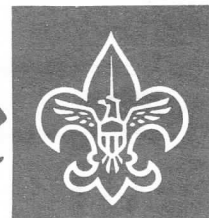




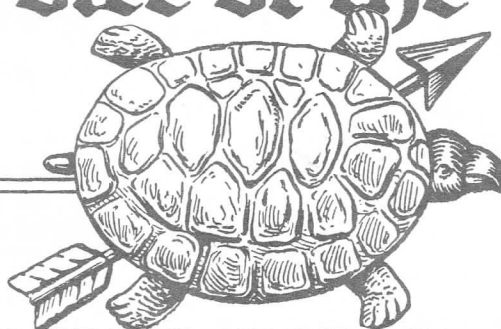
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SEAL THE BOND. BECOME BROTHERHOOD.

500 ARROWMEN LOST!

How would you like to be stranded out in nowhere--with no friends, no luck, and a dismal future for the rest of your life? It would be a grim situation to say the least and you would certainly avoid it at all costs, wouldn't you? It just happens that you could well be headed down this road of travail and misfortune at this very moment without even realizing it! Fortunately, there is still time for you to save yourself from the woe of being one of the inactives.

If your dues are not paid, you become an INACTIVE member and cannot attend any Lodge functions (like conferences). In addition you will be removed from the mailing list and will not receive the VOICE. Be assured that Inactive members will not receive a VOICE after this one, unless they see the light and renew their membership in this national brotherhood of Scouting's honor campers. (We would also hate to see anything happen to your family.) Don't delay - mail that check in today.

CAMP PROMOTION

At the beginning of February, Unami Lodge undertook the gigantic task of contacting every scout in Phila. Council personally, in an effort to get him to attend summer camp this year.

As a result of these endeavors, a personal invitation to summer camp in the form of The Voice of the Turtle was produced. This four page newspaper has been mailed to over 8,000 scouts in our council. It's just chockful of information about camp such as an equipment list, merit badge descriptions, games, puzzles, and even a news report from a roving reporter. As an added extra, each issue contains a coupon redeemable at the T.P. for a camper's first soda absolutely free, courtesy of Unami Lodge.

In remembering one of the primary purposes of our order, "to promote Scout Camping", and noting the drastic decline in the number of Scouts attending camp, the Lodge has responded with this "Council-wide" camp promotion "push". Our efforts cannot stop here. It is now your responsibility to make sure your unit is signed up for camp. Also, as a member of the order, you bear an obligation to promote summer camp in other units. Contact Jeff Troebs, Camp Promo Chairman at PI2-1232 to fulfill this obligation.

P.S. Thanks to Bill Scott for a job well done and also to all those who helped address and mail these newspapers.



BROTHERHOOD

Dear Brothers of Unami Lodge:

Since I've last communicated with you, I have had some problems with the number of Lodge members who have "volunteered" to sit on my committee. Remember, a major point of our order is spreading the word. Well, let's do just that! If you are interested, please call me at H05-7368.

The Brotherhood has always been a great honor to achieve. Help me and my committee keep it that way. In closing, communication is imperative. Let's keep our ties open and lasting.

Yours in the spirit of the Brotherhood,

Christopher A. Lucca
Brotherhood Committee Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

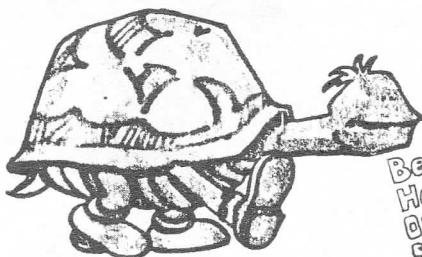


Dear Brothers of Unami,

In the past month we have really lived up to the most important principle of the Order, Camp Promotion. I am very proud of some chapters in our effort. Delaware is one of them. They have gotten at least some sort of commitment from EVERY SCOUTMASTER IN THEIR DISTRICT. If the rest of the chapters could do the same, it would be by far Unami's best effort. There has been one problem, however, which has not changed since I last wrote this column, and that is MEMBERSHIP. Our membership is down by 500 ARROWMEN since last year. It is quite a large figure when you look at it. What I am asking of each and every member is to make sure every Arrowmen that you know has paid their dues. If everyone does this, then everyone will surely be reminded. After all, most of our problems are caused by either laziness or our obligations to other activities or things. Please work on this and keep up the good work with Camp Promotion

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Morgan P. Thomas
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Unami Chief



*Behold the Turtle!
He Makes Progress
Only When He
Sticks His Neck Out*

VIGIL HONOR

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor a local Order of the Arrow Lodge can bestow upon a member. It is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office. The service should be to the Lodge, to Scouting or to the Scout Camp. Length of Service or tenure in Scouting should not be the reason for nomination to the Vigil Honor. If you know of someone who meets these requirements and who has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years, fill out a nomination form (available at Scout headquarters) and mail to:

UNAMI Lodge Vigil Committee
c/o Joseph Risch
1103 Tabor Terrace
Phila., Pa. 19111



THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE

Puzzle submitted by Steve Feinberg.

Here's a puzzle to test not only your knowledge of our lodge, but also to test your patience. The third letter that we open with all the correct answers (there are 24 of them), will win an official Order of the Arrow jacket patch. Send your answered puzzles to: Paul Rothkopf, 824 Avon Rd. Phila., Pa. 19116

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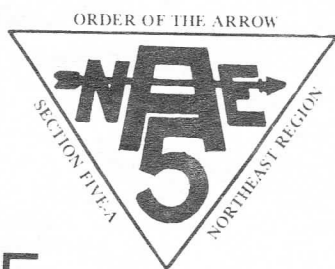
The Brothers of Unami Lodge wish to express deep sorrow at the passing of Brother Donald Ewing. Brother Ewing was the Chief of Unami in 1929 and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 217. Unami expresses its sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Ewing.

The Brothers of Unami Lodge also wish to express deep sorrow at the passing of Brother Edwin A. Blackney. Brother Blackney was a Silver Beaver recipient and a long-time Scouter. More recently, he founded and formed the Old Goats of Unami Lodge whose dedicated service to our camps has been outstanding and ceaseless.

Brother Blackney exemplified the Old Goats' adopted motto, "We Will Work." His passing will be a irretrievable loss to the Order of the Arrow and all of Scouting who remember so well his unselfish actions and invaluable accomplishments for the benefit of today's youth. Brother Blackney truly lived Cheerful Service. Unami expresses its sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Blackney.



SECTION 5-A CONCLAVE



The annual gathering of the nine lodges in Section 5-A of Eastern Pennsylvania is just around the corner. This year's Conclave will be held on June 10, 11, & 12, at the Ockanickon S.R., Bucks County Council, hosted by Ajapeu Lodge. The theme of the weekend will be "Dedicated to Serve". The delegates will gather for training and fellowship at weekend that is guaranteed to be long remembered.

Because of the great success of Unami's hosted Conclave in 1976, there is an overflowing amount of people who wish to be part of our delegation quota of 27. This problem has been approached in the following manner approved at the March Executive Committee Meeting: 8 members of Unami's Dance Team will have first preference for the delegation, following them will be the Executive Committee in making an attempt for our chapter representation. Then applications from the lodge membership will be considered. It must be understood that arrowmen under 21 will have preference over their older Brothers.

Our fellowship feast goodies will consist of Snapper Soup, Oyster crackers, and horseradish. Unami will also conduct two interesting discussion groups entitled "Our Future - A Rap Session" and "Cheerful Service to Scouting". Unami's display will be documentary or Treasure Island - Past, Present, and Future. This display will include a small history of T.I., some snapshots of Unami's forthcoming Spring Service weekend and what's happening on the Island now, and any proposals for the near future.



The \$5.00 deposit is due by the April Executive Committee Meeting on April 6th. Once all deposits are in, the delegates will be selected. The \$5.00 deposit will be refunded to those Brothers not selected to be part of the delegation. The Lodge is subsidizing \$2.00 per delegate towards the \$9.50 Conclave fee. This means that the price will now be \$7.50. Having already sent in a \$5.00 deposit, the balance due will be \$2.50. Further notification will be issued concerning the selection of delegation, the balance due date, and transportation arrangements.



ELECTIONS



It's that time of the year when every troop should be considering who amongst its members is worthy to be a member of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, the Order of the Arrow. Every Scoutmaster received a copy of the Unit Election form and procedure in his summer camp promotion kit. His troop should now be holding elections for the upcoming summer camp. Let it be known that no Scout will be permitted to take the Ordeal until his election form has been turned in to the Ordeal Chairman. We are currently in the process of forming Unit Election teams. We need these teams to insure that the elections are run smoothly and correctly. Every chapter has a responsibility to form its own teams to hold elections in its own district. If you are interested in helping hold unit elections please contact Bob Novak, Unit Election Chairman at OR3-1885. Remember the only way to maintain the high standards of Unami is to make sure all of our membership is duly qualified. Get involved!!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

A THING OF THE SPIRIT
1977 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Order of the Arrow will gather at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, Tenn., to hold its 62nd Anniversary Conference. The 1977 National Conference will begin on Tuesday August 23 and will end on August 27, 1977. This Conference is held every two years, and every lodge will be represented.

The final cost has not been set, but the Conference fee itself is \$80.00 -- this fee does not include transportation or any Lodge expenses associated with the Conference (delegation neckerchief, etc.) The fee covers 4 days lodging complete with air conditioned living quarters at the University, great meals, plus a terrific aquatic and activity center.

If you are interested in this once-in-a-life-time opportunity, send your \$25.00 deposit to reserve a spot in Unami Lodge Delegation. The deadline for your deposit must be in by April 3, 1977, so send right away.

Send your \$25.00 deposit to:

Unami Lodge, c/o Camping Office
Philadelphia Council B.S.A.
22nd and Winter Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Make checks payable to UNAMI LODGE, #1, Phila., Council B.S.A.

Any questions, please call Marc Benshetler at 637-5093, National Conference Chairman.

HONORSMASTER

Are you interested in being the Honorsmaster at either Hart or Eagle? If so contact the LODGE CHIEF at PI5-7153 for an application.

CROSSED ARROWS



In this issue, the Brothers of Unami salute Bob Gilbert, for a job well done as ranger of Treasure Island. We also wish him good luck as the new ranger of Hart Scout Reservation.

NEWS SHORTS

Unami Lodge and the Voice of the Turtle would like to welcome Wes Baxter as ranger of Treasure Island. **GOOD LUCK WES!!**

The National Scout Jamboree will be held at Moraine State Park, Pa. from August 3-9, 1977. The cost will be \$250 per scout. This fee includes a week of summer camp at T.I.R. for pre-Jamboree training. The theme this year will be "Forward Together-Scouting USA". For more information call the Camping Office at LO4-2540.

Editors Note: The following letter was sent to us from a needy family that received a Thanksgiving Dinner which was donated to them by Penn's Woods Chapter. Three - Hows for Penn's Woods!

Dear Sirs:

I would like to thank the South Phila. Order of the Arrow Scouts who made this families Thanksgiving just that, **a thankful** time. They gave from their hearts something for the holidays that made this family feel a strong bond with your group. May all of you have many more fine scouts, and may they help people with the spirit that they helped us and my whole family, and they have made our Christmas one we will never forget. Because without them it would not be this wonderful. Again, thanks to all of the South Phila. Order of the Arrow.

Thank you,

A family who will not
forget

Delaware Does It Again

On March 11, 12 and 13, Delaware Chapter conducted an exciting chapter weekend of fellowship and service at Hart Scout Reservation, staying in Unami Lodge. Twelve Brothers attended and had a great time working, playing and serving together.

Great feature films provided by our advisor, George Senderling, were shown on Friday and Saturday night. On Saturday the chapter cleaned up and re-stored parts of Unami Lodge. Our Brothers also helped the Old Goats with the task of dismantling the fallen bridge that connected East and West. They also visited the rifle range, ceremonial grounds, and boathouse. On Saturday night, Delaware conducted the camp-wide campfire with Jack Pliar as M.C. Using an Indian theme, our Brothers dressed in costume and performed a ceremonial fire lighting.

Unfortunately, on Sunday it rained, but they still continued to help with the bridge. A note of thanks to Steve Kotzen, cook for the weekend, who turned out 5 meals par excellence. Also, congratulations to Dave Sirken for this fine planning and spirited initiative, which made for an interesting weekend program. Let us not forget a note of gratitude to the Old Goats for their dedicated service to the camp's betterment.

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626-6915 - L04-2540
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Frank Savino - L04-2540

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Annual Dinner - Dave Sirken
464-3258
Fall Fellowship - Jim Doyle, Jr.
468-5647
Spring Service - Bill Scott
WA7-4301
Ordeal - Bob Novak -
OR3-1885
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FI2-6525
Camp Promotion - Jeff Troebbs
PI2-1232
Publications - Paul Rothkopf -
OR1-0498
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NE7-4006

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Delaware - Dave Sirken -
464-3258
Frontier - Joe Groody -
PI5-3026
Independence - Bob Moran -
CE2-7159
Penn's Woods - Jim Doyle, Jr. -
468-5647
Philenape - Mike Schwartz -
GA5-7188
Polaris - Martin Healy -
GL5-8237
Wissahickon Valley - Reggie Bullock
HA4-5188
Woodland - Joe Raimondo -
492-0476

SPRING SERVICE

On the weekend of June 3 - 4 - 5
Unami Lodge will hold its 1977 "Homecoming
Spring Service Weekend" on the Hallowed
grounds of "dear ole Treasure Island".
Yes, you read it correctly, for the first
time in six years Unami will hold its
Lodge Service Weekend at the place where
it all began over 61 years ago.

Event director, Bill Scott, along with
advisor Ted Simmons, promise this to be
one of the Best Weekends in recent years.
At the March 2, 1977 Executive Committee
Meeting, Bill stated that the objective
of the weekend was, "to get back to T.I.
and do a lot of much needed service work,
requiring heavy manpower, including many
of the capital campaign projects, and
also, to do some work on Eagle Island and
the Pennsylvania shore landing areas at
both camps". Bill noted that many of the
old T.I. "sights and sounds" are sure to
be found on the weekend. In addition to
two full days of work, Spring Service '77
will also feature the traditional late
night movies, the nominations for next
year's officers, great gourmet food
served from an Army field kitchen, Ordeal
induction and Brotherhood ceremonies, and
the introduction and debut appearance of
the new Unami Lodge Flap.

The unbelievably low price for this
weekend has been set at \$5.00. Yes,
that's right! In order to entice as many
people as possible to make the weekend,
the event will only cost \$5.00. For
those scouts in your troop taking their
Ordeal, the price will be \$9.00 and
those members taking the Brotherhood,
it will be \$6.60. Look for your
"Personal Invitation" and registration
card (to be received in the next few weeks.)
Please mail the card in as soon as possible,
as we are expecting a record turnout for this
weekend.

ANNOUNCING...

Unami has exhausted its supply of Lodge
packet flaps. As a result, a special committee
has been formed to come up with a design for a
new flap. The Flap Committee, chaired by Joe Groody,
has decided upon a design to submit to the Executive
Committee. This design was arrived at only after
many hours of examining all possible details. The
design that was decided upon contains the words
"Unami One", has a brown and green picture of
Treasure Island in the background, the green turtle
in the foreground, and with a red arrow running
diagonally through the turtle. On the back of the
turtle there will be a gold fleur-de-lis, thus
conforming to National's new standards. Under the
island are the letters "W.W.W.". The main idea of
the design was to adhere to a traditional flap,
and at the same time to remind us of Treasure
Island and that we still care about what's happening
to it. Quotes are now being received as to the
price of the new flap.

The committee has not yet decided on a border
for the flap, but when this decision is reached,
the entire design will be submitted to the Executive
Committee for final approval.



CHAPTER NEWS

UNAMI BEGINS WITH YOU!!

FRONTIER

Our meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. We would like to thank all those who attended our bowling night. It was a great success. We are starting a chapter newsletter. We need a masthead, writers, artists, etc. Send any suggestions to the editor, Carl Clyde - 725-5388.

DELAWARE

Delaware Chapter meets the first Thursday of every month at the Holmesburg Baptist Church, Frankford Ave. and Rhawn Sts., at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are served at all chapter meetings.

INDEPENDENCE

Our meetings are held at 20th and Spring Garden, at 7:30 p.m. Chapter members will be talking to Soutmasters in the District to promote attendance at our meetings. You will be notified when our next meeting will be held.

PHILENAPE

We are in the process of planning a chapter weekend at Hart. It will most likely be held May 13-15. Sketches have been made for a chapter flag, one has been selected for approval. Our chapter patch is still being planned. We meet the third Thursday of each month at the PNB Bank at Kensington and Allegheny Aves, at 7:30 p.m.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

More on the Conclave and Spring Service weekend, a surprise, and much more.

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CONESTOGA

Yes! You heard it right! Conestoga is re-organizing under the leadership of Sam Williams, chief, and Tony Mitchell, Vice Chief. Any questions, please call or write: Sam Williams, 1326 N. Conestoga, Phila., Pa. 19131. GR3- 8320

WOODLAND

We still have not had a meeting due to trouble in finding a meeting place. If you wish to help us, please call Joe Raimondo. You will be notified if arrangements are made. WE MUST MAKE OUR CHAPTER WORK!!!

POLARIS

Our next meetings are 4/4, 5/4 and 6/2, at the College of Optometry, 12th and Godfrey Ave. Anyone interested in having a Pizza Party, Basketball team, or Ping-Pong tournaments, call Martin Healy.

WISSAHICKON VALLEY

The attendance at our last meeting was very disappointing. We would like members from other chapters to attend our meetings. We meet at Mount-Airy Neighbors, Stenton and Vernon Rds., the first Thursday of each month.

PENN'S WOODS

We meet the first Thursday of the month, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18th and Wolf, at 7:30 p.m. We are currently planning a Service Weekend at Treasure Island, and a paper drive.

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