

## Didja hear the News

Philadelphia Council and Valley Forge Council merged? Yea, now we're called the Cradle of Liberty Council! The OA Lodge? I don't know what's happening with it. Well, it's time to tell you what is happening! Delmont and Unami Lodge have formed a committee which has met three times to date, to decide what new OA Lodge of the Cradle of Liberty Council will be. Delmont Lodge Chief, Derek Pillie, appointed his lodge officers to the committee and Unami Lodge Chief, Jason

Shepherd appointed former chiefs Antoine Skinner, Bob Cook, Lodge First Vice-Chief Brian Wallace and Frontier Chapter Chief Christian Grandzol to the committee. The two Lodge Advisers, Dave Fortunato of Delmont Lodge and Bob Murset of Unami Lodge were appointed by the Scout Executives of the predecessor councils to guide this process. Mr. Dan Adams, formerly of the Valley Forge Council, is the Staff Adviser. This committee will decide the organization of the lodge, draft and adopt a

set of rules and procedures, define the lodge officer nomination and election process, define the beginning and end of the lodge year, set the annual dues amount, decide when and where the Lodge Executive Committee will meet, what committees are needed, how many Vigil weekends we will have, etc. And, oh yes, they will also select the name and number of the new lodge. Sound like a big job? It's HUGE, and these youth are taking

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### CAMP STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

This summer the council will be hiring close to 200 scouts and scouters to staff our summer camps. If you are interested in serving on one of the camp staffs, contact either of the Council's Offices at the telephone numbers on page 6. Those scouts who are 15 years old can serve as Counselor's in Training, while those 16 and up serve as full time staff member.

### WORK WEEKENDS SPONSORED BY DELMONT LODGE

Our fellow brothers in Delmont Lodge have extended an invitation to the brothers of Unami Lodge to attend two work weekends at Resica Falls. The first weekend will be May 3-5 and the second will be from May 31 to June 2. Delmont Lodge will be sending more information in the upcoming months. Here is an excellent opportunity to make a host of new friends and a chance to help prepare one of our council camps for the summer camp season and the upcoming NE-4B Section Conclave. For more information please call Lodge Chief Jason Shepherd at (610) 660-2354.

### COME JOIN THE FUN

**Spring Service weekend May 17,18 &19 At Treasure Island**

# CROSSED ARROWS

The Voice of the Turtle chooses to recognize Bob Kestler in this issue's "Crossed Arrows" section. Bob has served as the Lodge Adviser for the past three years and through his wisdom and guidance, Unami has made significant steps forward in Lodge organization and program.

Throughout his tenure, Bob has successfully given leadership to a Lodge sponsored Philmont Trip, the first of the paintings for the Founders' Room, and most recently Unami's attainment of National Quality Lodge. None of this would have been possible without Bob's tireless efforts and dedication to completing the job. Bob has had a long and extensive career in Scouting in the city of Philadelphia. He has served as a member of the Professional Staff for several years as a District Executive to the then Woodland District. He has also been

the Scoutmaster of the Philadelphia Troop to the 1981 National Jamboree. Bob even took Woodbadge at Philmont. Bob's biggest contribution by far has been his commitment to campstaff service. Bob began his campstaff career as a CIT at Hart in 1963. Since that time Bob has been a member of the Philadelphia Council Campstaff for 23 years. He served as Program Director of Treasure Island for the first time in 1970. In addition he also served as Program Director of Hart and Eagle Island and served as the TI Camp Director in 1985 and 1986. He has been the Program Director at Treasure Island for the past six years and was instrumental in building the camp to the highest attendance numbers since the camp reopened in 1980 (Last summer over 2000 campers attended Treasure Island). Bob won't be returning this

summer as he has decided to take a break. He will be spending his summer serving on the staff at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Currently Bob is a Music teacher in the Philadelphia School District at an Elementary School in Southwest Philadelphia where he has been a member of the faculty for many, many years. We hereby honor and thank Bob Kestler, who exemplifies Scouting and who

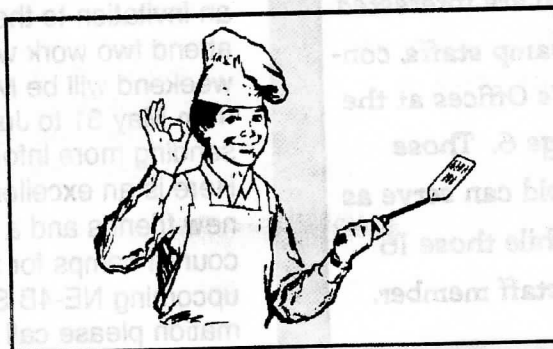
serves as the great example. "The great man is he who does not lose his child-heart." - Mencius



## Lodge dinner a success at Cannstatter's

The Unami Lodge 80th Annual Dinner was held at Cannstatter's Volkfest Verien on December 27, 1995. 242 brothers attended an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. A new note to the dinner this year was that this year's dinner was advertised as a fund raiser to benefit projects within the lodge. The guest speaker for the evening was William Scott III. Mr. Scott provided a rousing speech reliving his experiences as a youth in the lodge. He then focused his attention to the youth of the lodge and stressed the importance of our principles in the professional world today. Properties made a strong appearance at the dinner. Along with the usual variety of lodge flaps available, there were some special items available. Two of the items were addi-

tional felt turtles which every brother who attended received and a poster version of the painting created by artist John Gibson. The big item, however were the signed and numbered



prints of the actual painting. A sad note at the dinner was the announcement by Bob Kestler that he would be leaving the position of Lodge Adviser.

As a tribute to all of Mr. Kestler's great work, the Lodge gave him the number one print of the painting. The evening closed out with the roll call of past lodge chiefs and with the inspired singing of our camp songs and finally the lodge song. The money raised by the dinner, will be used to improve to Unami Lodge at Treasure Island. This project is currently scheduled to start at the Spring Service. Among the projects to be completed are: - new fireplace inserts - inside and outside painting - new kitchen counters - new lighting in the dining room - refurbishing the moose - possible heating for the bedroom.

If you want more information or if you are interested in helping out with the project call Mike Leinert at (215)-634-6033.

every portion of it seriously. You are well represented! Where do you start on a project like this? Well, the committee decided that the first order of business was the structure of the new lodge. The lodge will have chapters, one for each district, just as we had before. Each district is assigned to one of three fields, and so is each chapter. Each field will have a Vice-Chief who is elected by the chapter members from that field only; in addition, there will be an Executive Vice-Chief who will oversee certain Lodge level committees, such as activities or camp promotion. The Executive Vice-Chief will be the immediate successor to the Chief, if that becomes necessary. Also, the lodge will have a secretary and treasurer.

Next came the nomination and election process and timing. It was decided that the two spring lodge weekends would be held before the election in order to give arrowmen of each Lodge an opportunity to get to

know the candidates and each other before the election. The actual election will be held in the Camp Hart-Delmont area in late spring, along with a day of games and activities. You'll



be hearing more in the near future.

Everyone is anticipating the selection of the name and number of the new lodge. The rules are simple: any name and number not currently in use by another lodge may be selected. This permits the use of our former names and numbers, since they no longer officially exist. It was decided at

the first meeting that such emotional decision should be delayed until the committee develops a closer working relationship, therefore it will be one of the last decisions made. The committee

has already had the benefit of suggestions from many of you! That's great; it is a demonstration of your interest in the lodge. Your comments and questions are welcome! Youth arrowmen are invited to contact youth members of the committee; adult members may contact Bob Murset or Dave Fortunato. Please give Jason Shepherd and his committee your full support. The Scout Executive, Mr. Richard B. Marion, has asked

that this consolidation process be completed by September 1, 1996. This coincides with the date on which the new Lodge Officers will take office. Until that date, Delmont Lodge and Unami Lodge will continue to function as independent lodges, including all scheduled activities. Stay tuned for further progress reports!

## Delaware to Run Its District's Camporee

Delaware chapter has taken the initiative to run the 1996 District Camporee. The Camporee will be held on May 3-5 at the Fairmount

Park Police Station. The Camporee will feature the theme of Time Travel. For more information you can either call Chris Berk at 425-

4510 or you can attend the Delaware chapter every month.

## SUPPORT THE LODGE

Whether you realize it or not, every arrowman has the obligation to pay their dues and support the Lodge. Many of you may or may not do so because you feel that you get nothing in return for your five dollars.

In reality, the dues you pay are used for your benefit and other times on your behalf. The five dollars paid every year pays for the cost of the publication which you are now reading, as well as all the other you

receive. Your dues also keeps the cost of Lodge events affordable.

The money collected for dues is often used to support efforts in camp promotion, camp repairs, and out right donations of camp equipment and renovations. We realize that our membership records have had their share of problems, but rest assure we are doing our best to keep the records as accurate as possible.

We know that times are tough and

you simply don't have any excess money to spend sometimes, but make every effort to think of your Lodge and pay your dues each and every year.

You can pay at your next Chapter meeting, or Lodge event. If you don't go to any meetings or events, make plans to and see what you've been missing. Remember, the Lodge is only as good as its members.

## Chief's Message



Unami is presently continuing on the road of success while the merger movement progresses on through the new year. Now the time has come for us all to support one another as we try to begin the merger of Unami and Delmont.

First, I would like to thank all those who attended and enjoyed a fabulous dinner over

the holiday season. It was filled with excitement and fellowship as we closed out our 80th anniversary. In the upcoming months, we hope to continue our unit visitations, publications and many other ventures to keep this lodge going strong into the Summer Camp Season. Please mark on your calendar the Spring Service. It should be an important step into our merger. At this point the merger committee has met with Delmont several times and we are making extraordinary progress.

An organizational outline is in place and we hope to have the merger completed by summer's end. Please continue to support your home units and chapters as we continue on our road of great opportunity. If you have any concerns, questions, or needs, please feel free to call me at (610)-660-2354 (school) or (215)-725-7682 (home). Keep out of the hot sun and I hope to see everybody at the Spring Service.

Yours in the spirit,  
*Jason B. Shepherd*

## Advisor's Corner

Thank you Bob Kestler! Your dedication and leadership to this lodge and its members and officers is sincerely appreciated by all of us. At Lodge Executive Committee meetings, Bob gave a turtle, in various forms but not a live one, to those arrowmen who have given outstanding service to our lodge. To properly recognize the leadership which Bob has given Unami Lodge, we would have to find a giant turtle. We applaud your work, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope to continue to see you at our lodge events and in camp.

This is going to be an exciting year. As you have read by now Unami Lodge, One and

Delmont Lodge, 43 are being consolidated into a single lodge. This project is the responsibility of your Chief, Jason Shepherd, and some current past lodge and chapter officers as well as the lodge officers from Delmont.

Let's not forget, however, that we have a lodge program to execute while the consolidation is going on. As you may imagine, the lodge and chapter officers and committee chairmen are very busy. They need your help and support. Put new meaning to the words Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Come out to lodge and chapter events, promote our council camps, provide leadership in your unit and take time

to get to know some of your new brothers at the work weekends this spring and fall. Go to weekends at Resica as well as those at Treasure Island and Hart.

At the last executive committee meeting it was announced that Unami Lodge, One earned the Quality Lodge Award in 1995. Congratulations to the Lodge leaders for this accomplishment, and let's help our current leadership corps achieve this award again this year. Remember, this is your Lodge; make it the best it can be!

*Bob Murset*

## Notes From The Vice Chief

I am very excited about how the lodge is running in this the first half of the lodge year. Just watching some of the wonderful jobs that all of you are doing is making me very excited about being first vice chief of Unami Lodge One. I would first like to say that all of the chapter chiefs are doing an outstanding job. Lodge members are telling me that they are very much enjoying the activities within the chapters.

If you have not attended a chapter meeting lately, I encourage you to get out and get involved in your chapter. I am also excited by the increased activity every chapter is performing in the areas of camp promotion, service projects, and unit involvement. I am amazed by the sight of the recent demonstration by Vida Bey to display the new costumes for the ceremonial team. Both Vida and Mr. Grandzol, the Ceremonies

advisor, are doing and excellent job. The Lodge Dinner in December was an another outstanding display and one I will always remember. I am still in the process of completing my goal to produce a running Unity chapter by the end of the Lodge Year. Thank you all for doing such a fine job in the first half of the Lodge year as I look forward to the second half.

*Brian Wallace*

## Into the Chapters

### Frontier

Chief: Christian Grandzol  
When: 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7:30  
Where: Pennypack Environmental Center on Verree Rd.

In January, Frontier's meeting was a visit to a Textile college basketball game. February featured a demonstration on inline skating and a NHL hockey video. Coming up in March will be a Chapter work weekend March 15-17 at Hart Scout Reservation. More information was sent in the February Frontier newsletter.

**REMINDER: THE MARCH CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CHAPTER WORK WEEKEND**

### Delaware

Chief: Chris Berk  
When: 1st Thursday of each

month @ 7:30  
Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cottman and Erdrick Sts.

January's meeting featured an aluminum can collection to support Good Shepherd, the chapter's sponsor. Also in January the chapter attended the district rechartering day. There they were able to collect dues and sell a number of patches.

### Liberty Bell

Chief: Vida Bey  
When: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7:30  
Where: Rohm & Haas on 6th and Market

Unfortunately, January's meeting was cancelled due to the 30 inches of snow. Liberty Bell picked up in February with a night to schedule and prepare for Unit Elections and

Visitations. Liberty Bell is currently planning a work weekend to be held sometime between March and May.

### Northern

Chief: Earl Texter  
When: 2nd TUESDAY of each month @ 7:30  
Where: Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, Down's Hall

In March Northern's meeting will feature a few rounds of Scout Bingo. The following month in April, the meeting will feature a yet to be named guest speaker.

**NOTE: NORTHERN'S MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHANGE OF THE DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS.**

# CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY COUNCIL

For any questions, information, and reservation contact either of the Council's offices at:

Bruce S. Marks Resource Center  
22nd & Winter Sts.  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 988-9811

Roger S. Firestone Service Center  
P.O. Box 806  
Valley Forge, PA 19482  
(610) 688-6900

## CAMP PROMOTION IN MOTION

The Lodge's main responsibility each year is to promote camp. This year Unami will be supporting a mailing to all unit leaders of the council information about the lodge and camp. It is our hope to inform all leaders of all the opportunities available to them in our council. In addition, chapters are available to visit your unit to talk about our camps and answer any questions you might have. Unit elections can also be arranged through the chapters as well. So why not schedule an Order of the Arrow night at your unit meeting and have lodge members come out and talk about the OA, camping, and conduct a unit election. Contact your chapter chief or the Lodge Unit Visitations Chairman Kyle Sammin at 338-2041 or the committee Adviser Steve Ranjo at 634-6175 for more information or to schedule a visit.

### Short Term Camping

There are endless camping opportunities available at all our camps for weekend camping. Hart-Delmont offers tent sites, cabins, and lean-tos.

Treasure Island offers cabins and tent camping on Marshall Island.

Resica Falls offers tents, lean-tos, and cabins as well.

For more information and reservations contact either of the council's offices at the addresses or telephone numbers above.

## Summer Camp:

Boy Scout Resident camping is available at Hart-Delmont, Resica Falls, and Treasure Island Scout Reservations. Hart-Delmont will offer an excellent program under an Olympic Theme. The Reservation Director will be Jerry Whartenby, and the Program Director will be Wayne Hopkins. The program will highlight patrol competitions, an exciting obstacle course, biking, and much more. Resica Falls offers three camps to choose from with programs varying from a traditional summer camp program to high adventure opportunities. Treasure Island is planning a swashbuckling adventure for all with a program packed full of pirate adventures. Highlights

include an exciting hunt for buried treasure, pirate games and lore, high adventure opportunities from rock climbing to 50 mile canoe trips, and a campwide event of Olympic proportions. The Camp Director will again be Ken Nygard and the Program Director will be Steve Ranjo.

Unami Lodge truly hopes that every unit in the council will take advantage of these programs offered at our Council Camps. There is no better program in the area. If you are interested in attending one of these camps or want more information contact the council at either the Bruce S. Marks Scouting Resource Center or the Firestone Scout Service Center.

## Specialty Camps:

This year's camping program is highlighted by nine specialty camps that will be held at Hart-Delmont and Treasure Island Scout Reservations. The cost of these camps range from \$145 to \$135 if paid before June 1, 1996, after June 1 the cost ranges from \$150 to \$160.

### Baden-Powell Camp

June 30-July 6, 1996  
For boys who have just joined Scouting

### Olympic Camp

July 21-27, 1996  
Learn the rules and strategies of many different team sports

### This Old Camp

July 21-27, 1996  
A vocational construction camp working on actual building projects around camp working with experienced tradesman.

### Science Camp

July 7-13, 1996  
Conduct science experiments, build a rocket, and work on science related merit badges.

### Aquatics Camp

July 14-20, 1996  
Sharpen your swimming skills, learn life-saving skills, earn aquatics merit badges.

### Merit Badge Camp

June 30-July 6, 1996  
Earn extra merit badges, while spending an additional week at camp.

### 911 Camp

July 14-20, 1996  
Sharpen your first aid skills, learn about firefighting, conduct a search and rescue, and much more.

### Varsity Scout "High Adventure" River Camp

Treasure Island Scout Reservation  
August 4-10, 1996  
Spend a week doing a 50 mile canoe trip on the mighty Delaware River.

# Calendar

## MAY

- 3rd-5th** Delmont Lodge Work Weekend: Resica Falls
- 17th-19th** Unami Lodge SPRING SERVICE:  
Treasure Island
- 31st -June 2** Delmont Lodge Work Weekend: Resica Falls

## JUNE

- 7th-9th** SECTION NE-4B CONCLAVE

## JULY-AUGUST

- SUMMER CAMP at Treasure Island,  
Hart, Resica Falls, Delmont
- Every Month**  
1st Wednesday Lodge Executive Meeting  
7:30 Council Building.

Your Local Chapter Meeting (see Chapter  
for time)

## You Can Be a Winner Round 3

No one has answered correctly the questions for the last two issues. Therefore we have 3 pairs of college basketball tickets we WANT to give away. Here are this issue's questions:

1. What are the four Scout camps that make up the new Cradle of Liberty Council?
2. Name the six networks whose television shows receive ratings in the weekly Nielsen Ratings. (Hint: answers are in the Wednesday Inquirer)
3. In softball, what is the name given to the 10th field position?

### Answers to Round 2

1. 12
2. Citizenship, First Aid, Hiking, Camping, Cooking, Family Living, Community Living, Communications, Conservation, Environment, Physical Fitness, Swimming
3. Dallas Eliuk, Philadelphia Wings

Send all answers to Brian Hoffman. The address is listed in this voice. All answers must be received by March 30th.

## FINAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS IN

Here is the final membership count for Unami Lodge in 1995

District	Ordeal	Brotherhood	Vigil
Council	5	6	8
Liberty Bell	28	20	3
Western	45	19	2
Delaware	29	43	33
Frontier	28	81	16
Northern	30	95	22
Unity	3	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>89</b>

**Grand Total: 524**

## MEMBERSHIP MERGE

With the recent consolidation of the Philadelphia and Valley Forge Councils into the Cradle of Liberty Council, the two Lodges will soon merge into one operational Lodge. Here is a look at Delmont's 1995 membership:

District	Ordeal	Brotherhood	Vigil
Baden Powell	38	49	9
Continental	64	58	15
General Nash	65	86	14
Washington	44	64	13
Constellation	50	61	20
Conestoga	60	82	8
Lafayette	78	94	27
Minquas	41	54	20
Council	1	1	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>132</b>

**Grand Total: 1132**

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**Read The Fine Print Fellow Arrowmen!**  
 We need you!  
 - Has your troop done an exciting activity or undertaken a memorable trip?  
 - Is your chapter planning an activity for your chapter or for the lodge's benefit?  
 - Do you have anything that you think would be of interest to the lodge?  
 If so, we would like to hear about it!  
 The Voice is always looking for articles from our fellow arrowmen to make the  
 Voice more interesting and colorful. If you have an article you would like to  
 share you can send it to one of the locations below.  
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**Spring Service Weekend at TI**

**May 17, 18 & 19**

