

# Projects A Plenty

Next year the Lodge will be undertaking many special projects in the spirit of service, as well as to help celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Lodge. Right now the Lodge has two large projects under way and still others in the works. The Voice would like to update you on the progress of the two projects going on right now.

In 1993 the Lodge voted to support the Council in its effort to restore the Resource Center back to its original purpose for being, namely a place where the volunteers can go and meet to learn and just get together - a true resource center. The Executive Committee agreed to help with the design and furnishing of art work, to be displayed in the room. An artist has been commissioned to sketch some pictures for the Lodge to approve and eventually be made into paintings to hang in the Founders' Room. The artist has seen a reenactment of the legend, as well as pictures of our Lodge costumes to help him in creating the concepts of his sketches.

One of the sketches has been of the first Vigil site, the Devils Tea Table, at Treasure Island. The Lodge is also looking to acquire pictures of our Founders for this room. Many fundraisers are also being looked into, to help cover the costs of having all of this done. Any donations to the Lodge in support of this effort would be greatly appreciated.

The second major project was undertaken by the Lodge in early 1994. This is the restoration of the ceremonial grounds at both of our camps. The grounds that the Ceremonies are conducted on are a reflection of our Lodge and are a first impression to our new members as well as visitors to the camps. To help enhance our ceremonies we hope to refurbish the grounds and create the dramatic effect our ceremonies deserve. The Ceremonial Grounds Committee has traveled to both HART and TREASURE ISLAND SCOUT RESERVATIONS to investigate the Ceremonial Grounds and determine what needs to be repaired.

At the Fall Fellowship Weekend, the first phase of repairs to the Hart Ceremonial Grounds was completed which was the instillation of new Scout Law candle posts. The work at both Ceremonial Grounds is expected to be ongoing throughout 1995. The Committee is continuously looking for new members and volunteers who are willing to lend a hand to help preserve the future of the Ceremonial Grounds. If you wish to become involved in this project contact Brian Fowler, The committee adviser, Monday through Friday 3pm - 9pm at 676 - 1752. This restoration can only be truly successful if every Arrowmen supports the project. With your help we can preserve them for generations to come!

Look for more updates on these and other projects in the upcoming issues of the Voice of the Turtle.

## SOME PARTING WORDS...

Brother Robert Wilsbach, FSC, who had been serving as the publications adviser for the Lodge this year, recently resigned because he had accepted a position at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. In his youth Brother Wilsbach served as a youth officer both in the Chapter and in the Lodge in the early 60's. He was also very active on the ceremonial teams during these years as well. Upon moving back to this area in late 1993, he accepted the position of publications adviser for the Lodge, a post which he has served well. In a letter he sent to the Lodge Executive Committee, Brother Wilsbach offered some very good advice and encouragement,

"...My challenge to you tonight and in future days, is that voiced by young Uncas, 'Let us catch the higher vision, Let us find the greater beauty, In the life of cheerful service.' While your numbers are significantly fewer that they were when I was a youth member, I counsel you to choose wisely the significant service opportunities which are doable, visible, and of lasting consequence. 'He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who continues faithfully to serve his fellows.' Never has there been a time when the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service been more needed by our society at large and by the Scouting movement. Like the three sides of a triangle, these elements can come together into a living source of energy, enthusiasm, and growth. May you continue to 'urge on our brothers firm devotion to our cause' so that our fraternity of service may have into future years yet unknown an impact on the lives of Scouts and Scouters in the Philadelphia Council..."

The staff of the Voice of the Turtle would like to thank Brother Wilsbach for his service this year, and on behalf of the entire Lodge we wish him well in his his new journey.

## THE FOUNDERS' AWARD

The "Spirit of Achievement" Founders' Award is given to Arrowmen who have made an outstanding contribution to the Order of the Arrow on the lodge level. The award is reserved for an arrowman who demonstrates to his fellow arrowmen that he memorializes in his everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by the founder E. Urner Goodman. It is given as recognition for outstanding service to the Lodge on a long-term basis. The award may be given to no more than two arrowmen a year one of whom must be a youth member of the Lodge. The 1995 Founders' Award will be presented at the Lodge Annual Dinner on Tuesday, December 27, 1994.

# 1995 SECTION NE-4B CONCLAVE...TAKE IT TO HART?

The Section NE-4B Conclave is probably the largest Inter-Council event in the area drawing close to 400 arrowmen every year. What happens at this event can make a big difference in the effectiveness of the Order of the Arrow in our Lodge and Chapters as well as the dedication of an individual arrowman to his first responsibility - his troop.

The conclave strives to increase the knowledge and understanding of the delegates attending in all aspects of the Order of the Arrow program. As members of Unami Lodge we should be inspired to set and commit ourselves to high goals of performance for our Lodge, and the conclave can help us achieve these goals. Some elements of the conclave program

include: training, workshops, demonstrations, displays, open forums, sporting activities, fellowship, guest speakers, Native American events, as well as ceremony & dance competitions.

Next year the Conclave will be hosted by Hunnikick Lodge #76, on June 9-11, 1995. Since Hunnikick Lodge is associated with Burlington County Council who does not have a camp large enough to accommodate this event, the conclave will be held at our very own Hart Scout Reservation. The Lodge would like to encourage everyone to make plans now to attend this exciting event and help show our guests and fellow arrowmen some real "Unami Spirit!" Look for a reservation form and further information in January, 1995.

## THREE YEARS STRONG

On Sunday, November 20th Frontier and Delaware Chapters held their third Annual New Members' Reception. The Chapters worked hard to make this event an enjoyable one for all members both old and new alike. One of the highlights included a great performance by Frontier's Troop 251 Dance Team. The Dance Team preformed at last years New Members' Reception, and performed so well, we had to bring them back. Their Scoutmaster, John Grandzol first explained the origin of the team, and talked about how the Lodge could benefit from starting one. The Dance team then reenacted the legend of our Order, followed by several dances to conclude their one half hour performance.

Other highlights included the induction of the 1995 Officers for both Chapters. The old Chiefs passed their headdresses on to the incoming Chiefs in an expression of new leadership styles. This tradition has been one that both Chapters have had since their beginning. The Recognition of the new members in attendance closed the evening. Their recognition was very inspirational, as they were all challenged to "Seal the Bond."

Let's hope that next year the Chapters can continue this tradition of working together as we all strive in making the Lodge a success in 1995.



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