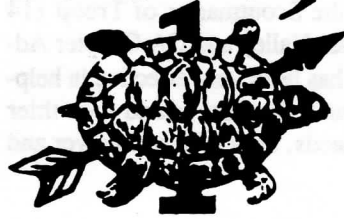


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Unami Lodge's 72nd Annual Dinner

The 72nd Annual Dinner will be held on Monday December 28, 1987 at Ilona Keller's Dugan's Restaurant. The highlights will include the induction of the 1988 lodge officers, the presentation of the Spealler and Newsletter Awards, the Vigil Honor Recognitions, the presentation of the Founder's Award and

much much more.

Any brother that would like to be a part of putting this event together should contact Fred Schindler at 482-1921. Some areas still being addressed are a guest speaker and parts of the Dinner Booklet. Look for more information and highlights in the next issue of *The Voice*.

New Member's Reception returns

For the first time since 1983, Unami Lodge will hold a New Member's Reception for its 1987 inductees. It will be held at Girard College on November 28, 1987. Chairman Deven Shroff and his committee have been working diligently over the past few months to bring you highlights which include inter-chapter

competitions, chapter meetings, a forum with the 1988 lodge officers, and plenty of food and fun. Although it is for new members, all members of the lodge are welcome and encouraged to attend. Check your mailbox in October for information concerning this one day event.

Brotherhood Quest

Testing period extended

The pilot program, under way since 1986, has completed its first year. Designed to provide more structure to the induction period between Ordeal and Brotherhood, this program is being tested in several lodges in each Region, with Unami being one of them. After surveying those lodges involved in the testing

of the Brotherhood Quest, the National Steering Committee has extended the testing period to September 1, 1987, with results to be tabulated by December 31, 1987. If the testing indicates this program should be initiated, it is anticipated that the requirements will be announced at the 1988 National OA Conference.

Rules and procedures vote set for Fall Wknd

In order for our lodge to operate smoothly, we must have a set of rules to follow. These are called the Unami Lodge Rules and Procedures.

The Rules and Procedures have not been updated since 1985. Therefore, this year's Rules and Procedures committee began the task of updating the Rules and Procedures. You can help the committee finish what was started at the Fall Fellowship where all the proposals will go to vote. To make things easier, there will be a time after dinner on Saturday night to ask any questions about the proposals.

Those who attend the Fall Fellowship will have their chance to contribute to the well being of Unami Lodge Number One.

75th Anniversary

The Order of the Arrow will celebrate its beginnings in 1915 with a 75th anniversary in 1990. The National OA Committee is beginning now to discuss what the appropriate components of that celebration should be. They anticipate announcing at least the outlines for the celebration of the 1988 National OA Conference.

Vigil Honor to be Awarded

The following people have been chosen to take the Vigil at the Fall..

Fred Schindler

Fred is an Eagle Scout from Troop 114 serving as the acting lodge chief for 1987. He has previously served as the Wissahickon Valley Chapter Chief for three years, Ordeal Chairman, delegate to section conclaves, NLS, and the 1986 National OA Conference.

Joe Sposato

Joe is an Eagle Scout from Troop 69 of the Wiss. Valley. He has served the lodge as the 1986 and 1987 Secretary, past Rules and Procedures Chairman, Camp Promotions Chairman. Joe has also been a delegate from Unami to conclaves, NLS, and the 1986 NOAC.

Mike Strokecker

Mike is an Eagle Scout from Troop 109 of the Polar District. He has served as the 1985 Vice-Chief, 1986 Annual Dinner Chairman, and a very active Unami Lodge Dance Team Member. He has been to conclaves since 1982 and attended the 1986 National OA Conference which he received a Blue Ribbon for his dance participation.

Patrick Harrell

Pat is an Eagle Scout from Unity District. He has served as the 1986 Vice-Chief, 1983 and 1984 Chapter Chief, Lodge Brotherhood Chairman, and Rules and Procedures Chairman. He was also a delegate to many conclaves, NLS, and 1986 NOAC.

Carl Murset

Carl is an Eagle Scout from Troop 688 of the Frontier District. Carl has served his chapter by holding every chapter office, Lodge's Nominations and Elections Chairman and as the Brotherhood Chairman.

Darrell Braxton

Darrell is an Eagle Scout from Troop 358 of the Wiss. Valley District. He has served as the 1987 Lodge Chief, 1986 Vice-Chief, 1985 and 1986 Finance Chairman, 1986 Spring Service Chairman. Darrell has also served as a delegate from Unami to Section Conclaves, NLS, and

the 1986 NOAC.

Robert Grow

Bob is the Scoutmaster of Troop 114 of the Wiss. Valley and OA Chapter Adviser. He has been very effective in helping Hart and Treasure Island with their forestry needs, both with manpower and tools.

John O'Keefe

John is the past Scoutmaster of Troop 120 and the present scoutmaster of Troop 390 of the Delaware District. With John's many years of expert advise to youth, he was asked in 1984 to head up and has continued to execute the Trailblazer Training Program for the council.

Marc 'Animal' Spera

Marc is a member of the Penn's Woods Chapter. He has served the lodge as adviser to the Annual Dinner and Ceremonial Committees. He is the inventor of the Early Bird Fee which gives reductions to brothers who pay early at lodge weekends.

William Snee

Bill continues to serve the lodge and the council in his positions as Camping Chairman and a Scoutmaster in Philenape District. His support of chapter activities have helped the lodge tremendously.

Dick West

Dick has spent many hours over the years repairing and replacing the telephone system at both Hart and Treasure Island. This is no easy task considering he does it in all types of weather.

George Rabenstien

George has spent many years on the Treasure Island Camp Staff with no pay. As a camp staff member, George has been very friendly to all the Out-of-Council troops who stayed at Treasure Island giving them a complete tour of the Island. This is a man who lives "Cheerful Service" every day of his life.

1987 membership totals keep increasing

Everything is looking up in the world of membership with the passing of Summer Camp. The numbers keep increasing by excellent proportions. Although the totals keep going up, they are still behind compared to last year.

If each person who reads this article grabs two members who have not already paid their "87" and gets them to pay them, we would go well beyond last year's membership and look even better in the "eyes" of other lodges and continue to reign as the number One lodge in the Order of the Arrow.

NOTE: Dues for 1988 will begin to be collected at the 1987 Annual Dinner.

Archives Committee

This year the Archives Committee needs your help. Unami's goal is to strengthen its archives collection. Anyone willing to donate Order of the Arrow memorabilia to the Lodge should contact Christopher Friel at 677-9599.



Letters' to the editor raise important questions

Editor:

The events of the past few weeks have compelled me to write. For the benefit of most lodge members, I feel I should first explain what happened.

July 19-Scott Rubin was asked to resign from the Hart Scout Reservation Campstaff.

July 27-Darrell Braxton was fired from the Hart Scout Reservation Campstaff.

July 28-Now Scott Rubin is asked to resign his position as 1st Vice Chief of Unami Lodge.

August 4-Assuming that Darrell had resigned, Dick Marion (Council Executive) informed Scott Rubin that he could not be Lodge Chief or 1st Vice Chief. In that same meeting, Scott was informed although he could no longer hold an office, he would be allowed to hold a leadership role as a committee chairman.

Same Date-Lodge Executive Committee is informed that Darrel and Scott have resigned their positions (Chief and 1st Vice Chief Respectively). At this point neither had.

August 5-In a phone call to Marion, Darrel informed him that he had no intention of resigning. Marion then removed him from office.

Sept. 9-Scott Rubin is told at the Lodge Executive meeting that he will no longer hold **any** positions with the Lodge. Once again, the Lodge Executive Committee is told that Darrell and Scott have resigned.

There are many questions I have about how this situation was handled. Scott Rubin was not asked to resign from his lodge position until it was thought that he might be the next lodge chief. It seems evident that his removal was brought about by his personality, not his ability to lead the lodge.

Although Darrell was fired from camp, he should have retained his position as Lodge Chief. He was elected by the lodge, his ability to lead was not diminished and he had not damaged the lodge in events that are completely separate from his elected position.

Even if the Council Executive chose to use his power to remove a lodge chief, Scott had a legitimate right to ascend to the position of chief. And if the Council Executive thought it necessary to remove Scott, **why then was the Lodge Executive Committee lied to about both of their resignations?**

Even after all those events, why was Scott Rubin informed over a month later that he wouldn't be allowed to hold any lodge positions?

For a long time now, lodges across the country have been run by people under 21. Our lodge is a very good example how one can be run effectively. Youth members make most of the decisions involved with running the lodge. Given a task or a problem, I have seen lodge Executive Committees act more responsibly than numerous other committees composed of adults. **Why then is it now assumed that our executive committee can't make a decision regarding its chief and the lodge's reputation?** Why are matters integral to the committee acted upon without their knowledge or assistance. **Effectively, lodge leadership and control no longer rests with the lodge.**

To save us all a little trouble, Mr. Marion should just pick the next lodge chief now, before the lodge is given a chance to "mess up" at the Fall.

Michael J. Coyne

Tap-out Ceremony

Editor:

Those arrowman who attended a Phila. Council Camp this summer may have noticed a different tap out ceremony. It certainly came to my attention and I was extremely disappointed. I was even slightly embarrassed after telling an out of council troop how impressive the ceremony was going to be. By taking away the legend of the Lenni Lenape the lodge also took away the mysticism and excitement of the ceremony. Please explain to me and other members the

reasons behind this change.

Adam Roffman

Editor's note: It was decided that Unami Lodge would change the tap out ceremony to be more like the ceremonies of other lodges across the country. After this summer it was obvious that the original tap-out ceremony was much better and at the September 9th Executive Committee meeting the decision was made to re-install the old tap out ceremony.

Letters to the Editor

The *Voice of the Turtle* welcomes and encourages lodge members to send letters to the editor in care of the *Voice of the Turtle*, Unami Lodge, 22nd & Winter Sts., Phila., PA 19103.

All letters are the sole opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editorial staff. The *Voice* reserves the right to condense letters.

Finance Committee makes lodge t-shirts available at Fall

Many new things are going on with the Finance Committee.

We have many lodge properties in stock and ready for sale at our camps, Hart and Treasure Island. However, if you can't make it to camp, you can purchase properties at the Trading Post in the Council Service Center.

Also, the lodge has donated a total of five hundred sixty-five dollars to the Council to pay for the National Camping Award certificates. At the bottom of the certificate, it reads, 'Please encourage your troop to earn this award.' Finally the lodge tee-shirts will be available at the Fall Fellowship Weekend so be on the look out!

CHAPTER NEWS

Penn's Woods Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Calvary St. Paul Church Broad & Wissinoming. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Carmine Zulli III 755-6974.

Conestoga Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month. Call The 1987 Chapter Chief Dave Cox 748-4834 for meeting place.

Delaware Chapter meets the first Thursday of each month at the Holmesburg Baptist Church Frankford Ave. near Rhawn Street. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Mike Olszewski 288-6704.

Frontier Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Pen-nypack Environmental Center, Verree Rd. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Carl Murset 698-8516.

Woodland Chapter meets the second Monday of each month at 57th and Washington Ave. 9th Presbyterian Church. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Doug Houston 727-7858.

Polaris Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church of Onley. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Ryan Jacob 322-7813.

Wiss. Valley Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Water Tower Rec. Center Hartwell and Ardleigh Ave. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Jim Schindler 482-1921.

Philenape Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at McDonald's on Kensington and Allegheny Avenues. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Eric Huffman 739-6155.

Unity Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Mt. Sinai Tabernacle Baptist Church. The 1987 Chapter Chief is Eric Banks 684-1465.

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