

THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE

UNAMI LODGE NOV. 1995

80th Annual Dinner Approaches

On Wednesday, December 27, 1995 at Cannstatter's Volkfest-Verrin on Academy Road, Unami Lodge, One will hold its 80th Annual Lodge Dinner. Our Annual Dinner is the oldest standing tradition in Unami Lodge. Attendance at this event is strongly encouraged because so much goes on, that it is hard to miss out on! At this event, Unami members and guests gather to celebrate the past year and honor the achievements of our fellow arrowmen, as well as getting the Lodge ready for the new year.

The program for this year's dinner will include the presentation of the Spealler, Keller, Newsletter, and Founders' Awards, the recognition of New Members, new Brotherhood members and the newly inducted Vigil Honor members, the Induction of the 1995-96 Chapter Officers, a special year end slide show, and

oh, so much more. This event will be the final opportunity to purchase the Special 80th Anniversary properties including the 80th Anniversary Flap. There will also be other Lodge properties along with National Order of the Arrow accessories on sale as well. Several demonstrations and displays for viewing are planned including a complete Unami

Lodge, One patch collection, and information on our Lodge Costumes. As you can see, this event is not one to miss, so mark the date down and make plans to attend today. See You there!



These flaps as well as other Lodge properties will be available at the Dinner

Lodge helps represent council at Super Sunday

On September 10, 1995 Unami Lodge, One represented the Philadelphia Council, BSA in Super Sunday. Super Sunday took place along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The Lodge set up a small booth advertising Scouting in Philadelphia. The Lodge Chief, Antoine Skinner and Lodge Adviser Bob Kestler, were assisted by Brian Wallace and Brenden Mason in showing the many people of the city how to tie knots. Surprisingly, many people were fascinated to see boy scouts showing kids different knots. Ray Braun was also on hand to answer questions on registering kids in Scouting. The booth drew a large crowd of people that were happy to see Scouts around. Unami Lodge once again stood out to advertise Scouting and Scout Camp.



Brian Wallace, Antoine Skinner and Brandon Mason at Super Sunday

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 Wednesday, December 27, 1995. Nomination forms are available from the Lodge Officers.

Eight Brothers take the Vigil at Hart

At the Fall Fellowship, eight outstanding arrowmen kept their Vigil at H.S.R. They put up with the cold and rainy weather to successfully complete what was asked of them. I would like to personally congratulate each one of them for a Vigil well kept and I encourage you all to continue your exceptional service and dedication to our Lodge.

I would like to thank all of the Vigil Honor members who supported us this year and also to Dennis Snee who once again prepared an exceptional Vigil Breakfast. I would also like to thank my Advisor, Tim Trainor for supporting me and being an overall great Advisor. Congratulations again my fellow Vigil Honor members. —Jason Shepherd

Brian Wallace

(One who exerts himself)

Brother Wallace was inducted into the Lodge in 1989 and sealed the Bond of Brotherhood in 1991. Brian is one of the most energetic and enthusiastic arrowmen in our lodge. His attitude of always willing to serve is an inspiration to all arrowmen. He has been a member of the Treasure Island Camp Staff for 2 years and has previously served the Lodge as Chapter Vice-Chief, Nominations/Elections Chairman, and Lodge First Vice-Chief.

Henry Berk

(Quiet, Focused Worker)

Brother Berk was inducted into the Lodge in 1989 and sealed the Bond of

Brotherhood in 1990. Henry's willingness to lead and offer service has set him apart from others. He has been a member of the Hart Camp Staff for 4 years and has previously served the Lodge as Rules & Procedures Chairman, Spring Service Committee member, Lodge Treasurer, and a viable member of the ceremonial teams for many years.

Rick Arcangel

(He who is ready to serve)

Brother Arcangel was inducted into the Lodge in 1989 and sealed the Bond of Brotherhood in 1990. Rick has established himself as one of the Lodge's most dedicated youth members by making scouting and the OA an active part of his life. Rick has been a member of the Hart Camp Staff for 5 years and has previously served the lodge as Nominations/Elections chairman, Fall Fellowship Chairman, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge 2nd Vice Chief.

Antoine Skinner

(He who has a strong presence)

Brother Skinner's commitment to hard work and dedicated leadership has set an example for us all. He has served on the Treasure Island Camp Staff for 4 years and has previously served the Lodge as Chapter Chief, Activities Chairman, and Lodge Chief.

Gerry Whartenby

(Spiritual One)

Brother Whartenby is an arrowmen whose commitment to Camp has been unwavering over the years by providing exceptional service to the program of Hart Scout Reservation as Camp Director for the past 4 years. Brother Whartenby has also chaired the past seven Catholic retreats while completing his studies and becoming an ordained deacon of the Roman Catholic Church.

Gerry Fierraro

(He who gives advantage to others)

Brother Fierraro was inducted into the lodge in 1989 and sealed the Bond of Brotherhood in 1990. Gerry has maintained a high level of service working in an untiring manner to reorganize and rebuild his chapter. Gerry has clearly gone above and beyond by his

commitment to excel in his responsibility as Western Chapter Advisor for 4 years by making the youth better leaders for the Lodge.

Paul J. Kelly III

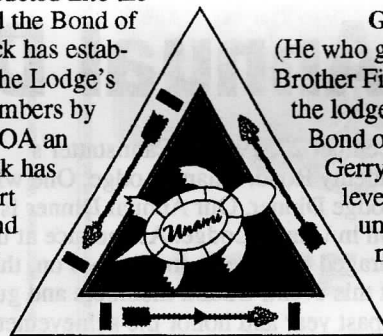
(He who advocates our cause)

Brother Kelly was inducted into the Lodge in 1969 and sealed the Bond of Brotherhood in 1970. Paul is a scouter who for years has shown his exceptional leadership in service. Through his many efforts in our camps and council, Paul has lived out concretely his oath to the Obligation of the Order. Paul has previously served the Lodge as Council Camping Advisor and Lodge Trustee.

Bill O'Connor

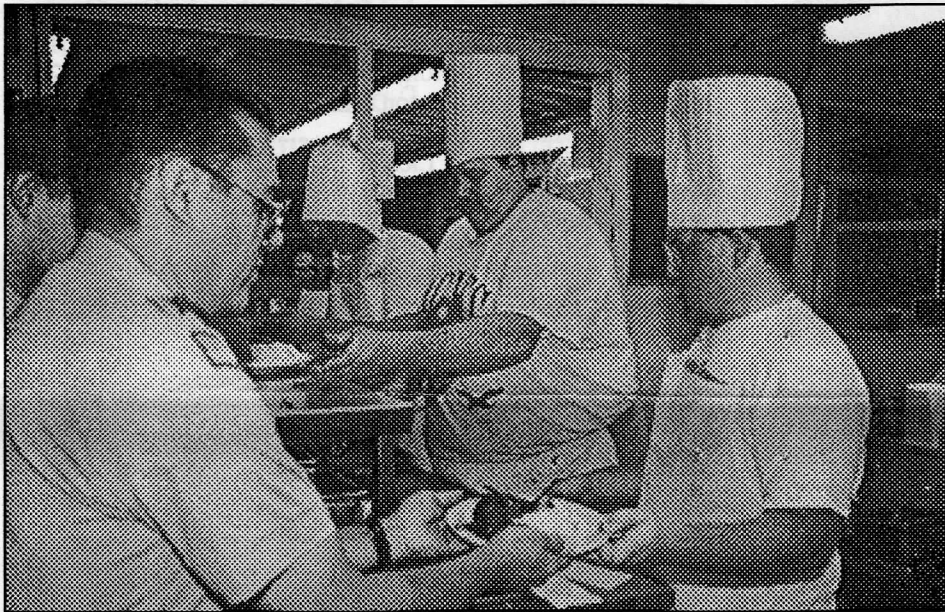
(Teacher of the Rifle)

Brother O'Connor was inducted into the Lodge in 1959 and sealed the Bond of Brotherhood in 1960. Bill has given of his time and efforts by helping the Lodge in many positions in leadership and training. He is truly a dedicated scout and arrowman to the needs of others.



L to R: Jerry Whartenby, Bill O'Connor, Paul Kelly, Gerry Fierraro, Brian Wallace, Antoine Skinner, Henry Berk Jr. and Rick Arcangel

Fall Fellowship '95: Taken to Hart

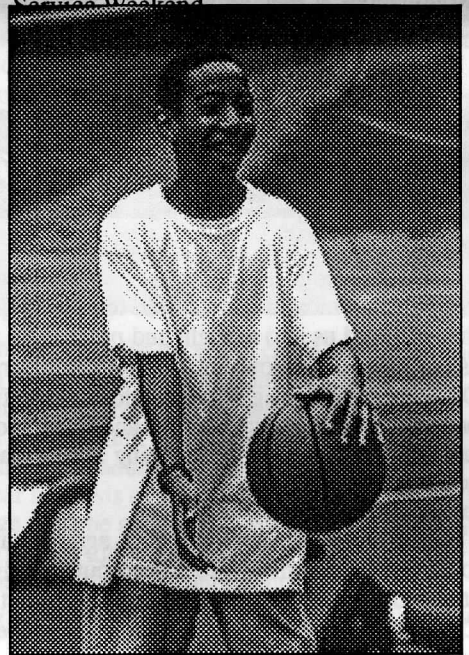


Dennis Snee & Cooking Crew dish it out at this year's weekend

Unami Lodge held its annual Fall Fellowship Weekend on September 15-17, 1995 at Hart Scout Reservation. Almost 200 brothers gathered for some cheerful service to our camps including: new steps at the Christian Chapel, clearing at the Jewish Chapel, roof sweeping, brush clearing around the dam, trail work, and much needed painting. The theme of the weekend was "A New Beginning." The theme was chosen to mark the ending of our Lodge's 80th Anniversary as we look forward to the challenges of the future. New tradition was witnessed by all who

attended as our Lodge Chief was inducted during the evening ceremonies. The program included a Friday evening crackerbarrel, an exciting Saturday afternoon of sporting activities, all wrapping up with a fantastic evening social. Sunday brought about the business meeting which is an opportunity for all brothers to get informed on the various activities of our Lodge. Key committees reported progress to those in attendance and as always they stated they are looking for people to get involved. The weekend was also highlighted by the unveiling of

the painting commissioned by the Lodge for the Founders' Room as well as the induction of the eight new Vigil Honor members. A fabulous "Cuisine was Seen" by all who attended as Dennis Snee and his crew prepared some awesome meals. The committee wishes to thank all those who helped make the weekend a success and would especially like to thank those who came out and supported the Lodge and camp. We look forward to your future participation in Lodge activities including the upcoming Annual Dinner and Spring Service Weekend.



Having a ball at the Fall.

Picture this! Lodge Painting Unveiled

The idea of trying to grace the walls of our Founders' Room in the Council Office germinated during the term of Chief Brian Fowler. A painting was commissioned during the term of Chief Bob Cook. Sketches were presented during the term of Chief Antoine Skinner who made suggestions to make the Native American in the painting more representative of the local tribes. The picture was finally unveiled at our Fall Fellowship, September 16, 1995 and was presented to the council during the current term of Chief Jason Shepherd.

The subject of the work is a Scout in the uniform of a bygone era, holding a flag and looking northward, up the Delaware river towards Treasure Island. The site is the area known as the Devil's Tea Table, the site of early Vigil

Ceremonies. There is an ethereal Native American, holding a piece pipe in the star-lit sky and beautiful flora in the foreground.

The artist is John Gibson, former member of Troop 37, here in Philadelphia. He was meticulous in his research and the art of practicing his craft as was demonstrated by the warm reception his work received at the unveiling. Many were interested in prints of the painting which we hope to make available by the annual dinner. This will truly be a collector's item of which we of Unami can be especially proud since it tells of our heritage, the heritage of our community and because we helped to bring about the painting's creation.

I would especially like to recognize Gladys Miller for her generosity in helping to make this painting become a reality.

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Chief's Message...

My brothers,

Unami Lodge is entering a new era of exciting opportunities. We are embarking on a road to new heights and possibilities that will lead us into a bright and prosperous future. Events such as our past Fall Fellowship, our 80th Anniversary Dinner in December, the Spring Service, once again a fun-filled summer program at our Council Camps, and many more exciting events and activities are only the stepping stones that will lead us into a new era of great opportunity.

The Fall Fellowship was once again a huge success thanks to all of the arrowmen who helped out. Nearly 200 brothers attended the weekend which was held at Hart Scout Reservation. Congratulations to our 20 new Ordeal members, I hope to see each one of you at the next Lodge event wearing your sash with pride. I would also like to encourage you to get involved and participate in your chapters. Become a supporting member in your chapter, whether it is at a meeting or a service activity. Take this opportunity to get involved.

I would also like to congratulate the 20 brothers who sealed the bond in Brotherhood at the Fall. I'm extremely happy to see brothers, like yourselves, who continue on the trail of Cheerfulness in Service. Please continue to be a supporting member of not only our Lodge and Chapter but also to your home units. The troops of Philadelphia Council are the building blocks of Unami Lodge, One. So continue on serving our units. I would also like to challenge all brothers who are eligible to become Brotherhood to go ahead and seal the bond at the next weekend or at Summer Camp. It will benefit us all as well as yourselves.

I would especially like to congratulate the eight brothers who kept their Vigil. These gentlemen deserve a great deal of credit for putting up with the rain, cold weather and more rain. Congrats again and continue on with your outstanding service.

Overall the weekend was a success thanks to those who attended and I hope to see you all soon.

Another opportunity that will make this year even more remarkable will be the consolidation of Philadelphia and Valley Forge Councils. This should happen around the first of the year and as far as the Lodge is concerned, no changes will happen until the meeting between myself and our committee of youth and Delmont's Chief and his committee. The meeting will be arranged by the Council Executives and the two groups will make the proper changes that will be appropriate. It will be my honor and pleasure to represent our Lodge, but, we the Lodge Executive Committee, need you to support us as we enter into this new era of opportunity. This consolidation will be a monumental event and it can only happen with the help and support of its members. I hope to see all of you become even more involved in troop, chapter, and Lodge events as we embark on this important and exciting consolidation of Philadelphia and Valley Forge Councils.

I would like to remind everyone about the payment of the dues. Our new year runs from September 1 until August 31. This is a start to get involved with and support our Lodge, so go pay your dues and join us as we begin on the trail of Cheerful Service.

In closing, I would like to encourage you all to get involved and support your troop, chapter, and our Lodge as we enter the realms of this new era. Continue to support one another as we make Unami Lodge truly number One. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to call myself or any of the executive committee members. We are looking forward to serving you as we enter the era of opportunity!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jason Shepherd

Unami Lodge

Unami Lodge Membership Report

September 29, 1995

Chapter	Y	A	Ordeal	Brotherhood	Vigil	Total
Liberty Bell	15	13	18	7	3	28
Delaware	60	89	48	69	32	149
Frontier	59	80	60	64	15	139
Western	16	11	15	10	2	27
Unity	0	7	2	3	2	7
Northern	43	54	35	47	15	97
Council	0	13	3	4	6	13
Total	193	254	178	200	69	447

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

In our where are they now/what have you done for me lately Section, we chose to remember Brother Carl Murset. Brother Carl served as Frontier Chapter Chief in 1987 and 1989. As well as serving the Lodge as the Spring Service Chairman, Vigil Honor Chairman, Nominations & Elections Chairman, and actively participating over the years on the Camp Promotions, Ceremonial, Publications, Finance, Events & Activities, and New Member Reception Committees. Brother Carl's Vigil HONOR Name when translated means to lend a hand. He was a dedicated member of the Hart Camp Staff for 7 years. Working as a Commissioners' Aide, QM Director, TP Manager, and the Camp Program Director in 1990 and 1991. A graduate from Washington High School and Temple University, Brother Carl is now employed by the Philadelphia School Board as a History Teacher at Fels High School. Brother Carl recently spent time at Treasure Island during Summer Camp performing some odd jobs around camp. Most noticeable would be a wooden extension counter in the camp trading post. We wish the very best for brother Carl and hope to see more of him in our future.

The Pleasures of Dry Feet or How I Learned to Stomach Trail Food

After spending a week at Treasure Island with the Troop in a traditional summer camp setting, Varsity Scout Team 463 took the high adventure challenge of a week-long 80 mile canoe trip on the Delaware River.

After a 2-hour truck ride we put in at the canoe launch at Dingman's Ferry in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. We had a light 7.5 mile paddle on the river and camped at Buck Island for the night. It is there that I started a ritual that became a simple pleasure that I could look forward to at the end of a long day. After making camp we changed into dry socks and shoes to the relief of our water-puckered feet.

That night we experienced the culinary delight of trail food. My favorite Italian dish, lasagna (at least that's what it said on the bag), was prepared by the cooks with care. I think the package it came in would have tasted better, yet it filled our bellies for the night and the lemon dessert was great.

Tuesday morning as we started our trip, we looked forward to passing some beautiful scenery and we were not disappointed. As we paddled through the Wallpack Bend, where the river flows back toward it's origin in a long lazy "S", it was easy to imagine ourselves as the Leni Lenape paddling through this pristine wilderness near Bushkill Falls.

That afternoon as we reached Tock's Island and our campsite, hopes of dry feet and a good dinner filled my thoughts. I knew we had to do something about the dinner situation and after pooling our emergency food, a concoction of dehydrated trail noodles, tomato sauce and ham chunks was devised for our next day's dinner meal. Before you get the wrong idea, I have to say the trail breakfasts were surprisingly good and the trail lunches were decent (especially those containing gorp) it was just those darn dinners!

On Wednesday we set out on a 17 mile paddle to Mack Island through the Delaware Water Gap. It was interesting to look up and see Mount Minsi which we had recently crossed during a Wind Gap to Water Gap Backpacking trip on the

Appalachian trail in the spring. Above the opposite bank rose Mount Tamminy, on which if you look just right, you can see the profile of the famous Minsi tribe chief from which it takes its name.

Thursday brought us one of the toughest days on the river, 20+ miles to cover and Foul Rifts, what a challenge! We got some unexpected practice in swamped canoe drill when my canoe hit a rock and flipped over 1.5 miles from the rifts and I had to stay in the water with it as it passed through class I+ rapids. After righting the canoe and re-lashing in my gear, we headed towards Foul Rifts.

For those of you that have never canoed there all I can say is; it went so quick I didn't have time to think, only to act, and just when I thought we were safely through I went over a three foot waterfall and ended up in the river again. This time though as I looked around I saw I had company as only one canoe had made it without swamping.

Late that afternoon as we paddled through the town of Easton, a familiar object was sighted, a set of golden arches. After a McDonald's dinner, while drying out our gear, we planned our final day's agenda. We would eat the next two meals in the canoe and try to make T.I. by Noon.

We almost made it, but low water forced us to walk our canoes through several sections from Frenchtown to T.I. We pulled up to the boathouse dock at about 1:00 PM. As we left camp for home later that day, the aching pain in our arms began to dull, and thoughts of home-cooked meals danced in our heads. Talk turned to how great this trip was and what an accomplishment, and we are going to do next year....?

Varsity Scout Team 463 is chartered to St. Bernard's Church in the Delaware District. It has close ties to it's feeder Troop, Boy Scout Troop 463 and all it's members are brothers in Unami Lodge, Delaware Chapter. For more information on its activities contact Mr. Bill Paul (Team Coach) 215-331-2139 or E-Mail to: BILLP463@AOL.COM

TALES OF TWELVE TOUGH TURTLE TREKKERS

The Unami Lodge, One Philmont Expedition began with an extremely busy first day. We gathered at the Philadelphia Airport very early in the morning for our flight to St. Louis and then on to Colorado Springs. Our first sight outside the terminal was Pike's Peak. We boarded our van and by the time we checked in to the motel that evening, we had toured the Air Force Academy, visited the Olympic Training Center, and were treated to a fabulous chuck wagon dinner at the Flying "W" Ranch where we were also entertained by the Flying "W" Wranglers, a well known cowboy band.

The next morning we drove to Philmont Scout Ranch and met our



Thomas Kane, Chris Brenner, Fred Lynch, Antoine Skinner, Andrew Brenner, Mark Bonner, Chris Brautigam, Bill Brautigam, Doug Butler, Tim Catto, Walt Rash, Ken Stein



No, he's not fixing the phone lines, just pole climbing.

Ranger, Elizabeth. She escorted us to our base camp tents where we settled in. After lunch the leaders on the crew, Andrew Brenner, Tom Kane, Chris Brenner, Fred Lynch, and Antoine Skinner, attended a session on logistics. It was here we picked up trek schedules, maps, places to stop along the way, etc. That evening we ate our last real dinner before the trail and learned the Philmont Story at the campfire.

In the morning we had our picture taken as a crew and then our gear was checked. We were told not to worry about insect repellent, as there are no bugs in the backcountry. Then, it was off on the trail. We were taken to the start

point by bus where Ranger Liz taught us map skills, and orienteering as we were eaten alive by insects. Where's my bug repellent!

Our trek began heading for Lover's Leap camp. We learned all about low impact camping including fluffing the meadow (no trace camping includes moving the flattened meadow grass to an upright position. The second day contained much excitement when we learned about a bear that was hanging around. The bear's name was Ike and it later ended up coming right through our

campsite. It was scared away by Ranger Liz and we learned later that it was caught and relocated to a different area. The next day we continued on the trail making good time and enjoyed pole climbing and hooting black powder rifles. The next day we met several groups from Texas one of whom made a wrong turn and got lost. We enjoyed horse back riding as the day's activity and ended the long day with a chuck wagon dinner consisting of real beef followed by a campfire. The next day we enjoyed hot showers and hot iron branding where hats, shoes, belts, and gloves received the cattle and horse brand of Philmont. Over the next several days we

enjoyed more hiking in the beautiful wilderness and learned about homesteading, building log cabins, tomahawk throwing, trapping, mining, blacksmithing, and trading. The toughest part of the hike was going up Mt. Phillips. Halfway up the the trail we encountered rain, thunder, and hail. At the top we were treated to a magnificent view where we paused to take some great pictures. The next days of the trek included rock climbing, rappelling, conservation work as well as another hot shower. The next to the last day including our hike up to the top of the Tooth of Time where we set up camp and held a great campfire. On the last day we started on the final part of the trek the hike back to base camp. We sang camp songs all the way until we saw the sign saying, "Congratulations, you made it!" We closed out the final day with a shower, calling home, picking up some patches, attending the closing campfire, and finally singing the Order of the Arrow song.

On each flight, base camp, and even in the backcountry we gave everyone a liberty bell pin and Philadelphia key-chain. We traded lodge flaps with fellow arrowmen and carried the spirit of brotherhood wherever we went. We felt privileged to represent Unami Lodge, One and were grateful for the opportunity.

CHAPTER NEWS

NORTHERN:

Chief: Earl Texter
Northern meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in Down's Hall. Meeting starts 7:30.
Next meeting: Halloween in November

DELAWARE:

Chief: Chris Burke
Delaware meets the first Thursday of each month at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cottman and Erdrick Sts at 7:30.

FRONTIER:

Chief: Christian Grandzol
Frontier meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Pennypack Environmental Center on Verree Rd. Meeting starts 7:00. Next meeting: Phonathon

LIBERTY BELL:

Chief: Vida Bey
Liberty Bell meets every 2nd Monday of the month at Rohm & Haas on 6th and Market. Meeting starts 7:30.

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Brian Hoffman, Voice of the Turtle Chairman

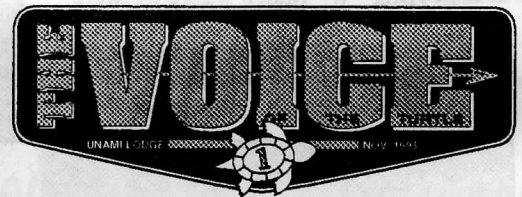
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