

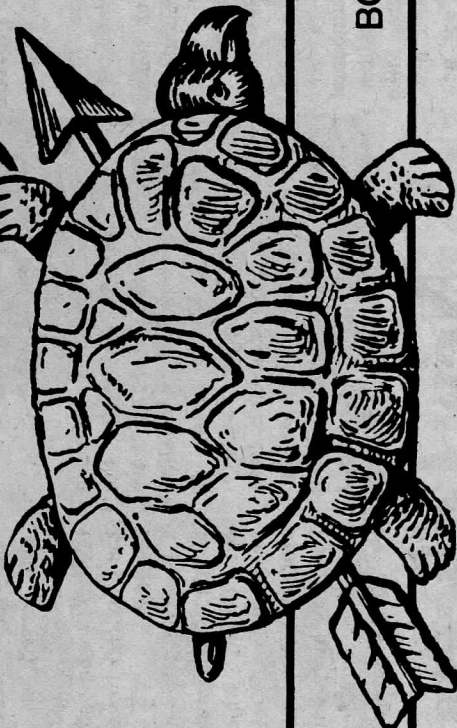
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David Sirken elected as Chief for 1981

This was certainly a big year for campaigns and elections not only throughout the United States but also right here in Unami Lodge. This year at the fall fellowship weekend, lodge members under the age of 21 elected new officers for the upcoming year.

Prior to the fall weekend, the Nominations and Elections Committee met to interview the nominees for the various lodge offices. The committee presented a ballot, monitored

clude: serving as Delaware Chapter Chief, 63rd Annual Dinner chairman, Council camp staff, and Event Director for the recent outstanding 65th Anniversary Celebration weekend at Treasure Island. Dave is currently a sophomore in the premedical program at Rutgers University and is a semi-authority on insects, flora and fauna. Brother

Sirken is a Vigil Honor Member of Unami Lodge.

First Vice Chief: Albert Roby — Albert is a dedicated young man who has truly distinguished himself in service to Unami and Scouting. Albert is a veteran of the Council camp staff, Unami Lodge Membership chairman and is also active on the

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Successful fellowship

OUR FIRST BROTHER, the late founder E. Urner Goodman, at last year's annual dinner.

Don't forget the Annual Dinner

Attention Mr. and Mrs. America and to all ships at sea!!!
Flash! This is a medical bulletin concerning the possible outbreak of a rare and usually fatal neurosis which is common to this region at this time of year. No, it's not the Russian flu or Burke's neurosis. Brothers, this swift, potent illness is known by its medical term as "oh-rats-I-forgot-to-mail-my-lodge-dinner-reservations-in-on-timeitius" and is a constant threat to not only your mental and physical health but it threatens the health of a far greater being; that being us; "Unami Lodge No. 1". Brothers, allow me to describe a few of the more obvious symptoms, so you may be warned and on your guard. First, at the same time as the seasons change and the days grow shorter and colder, the subject will experience mild anxiety as if he was expecting some important letter or reservation. This anxiety usually increases as the holiday season approaches, and no mailing is received. Finally, on any given day, a certain letter of great significance is received and subject experiences; 1) increased anxiety over what he must do with this letter; 2) an overwhelming sense of indecision and confusion; 3) helplessness usually follows and 4) finally, if letter isn't answered, subject becomes, what is known as, a member of that group of poor souls who forgot about the upcoming 65th Annual Dinner and Business Meeting of Unami Lodge No. 1. Brothers, you have been warned! Do not let this horrible illness claim you as its next victim!!! Let me prescribe the only known, proven, and safe cure for "oh-rats-I-forgot-to-mail-my-lodge-dinner-reservations-in-on-timeitius". If you have received a letter of invitation to the 65th Annual Dinner act now and mail your reservation immediately. If you did not receive an invitation letter or, by chance, misplaced the one you received, complete the reservation form on Page 3 and mail it promptly to Unami Lodge, Philadelphia Council, B.S.A. remember, this neurosis is a fatal killer of our Lodge Dinner attendance and thus, hinders our lodge's progress and
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the campaigns and conducted the election at the Fall Fellowship. In addition, to prepared speeches given after dinner, the candidates also had an opportunity to air their views on vital issues during an informative question and answer session.

Without further ado, the following brothers have been elected to Lodge Office for 1981:

Chief — David Sirken — David is a hard-working and conscientious Arrowman who has devoted many of his Scouting years in active service to Unami. Items on Dave's impressive record in-

winning ticket). The winning chapters in the carnival event were awarded hand crafted leather on walnut plaques. The winning chapters were:

1st place- Independence
2nd place- Wissahickon Valley
3rd place- Penn's Woods
The winners were decided by which chapters accumulated the most amount of Tursi Bucks at the carnival(it just goes to show how worthless money can be).

Work projects included oiling of tent platforms on (Continued on page 3)

The Fall Fellowship weekend, held at Hart Scout Reservation on September 26, 27, and 28, was a super success. Approximately 260 Brothers attended the weekend, which had the theme "Fall Festival of Fun". And fun it was! There was a featured carnival on Saturday afternoon complete with barkers, surprise appearance by a small but super Philly Phanatic and numerous gifts and doorprizes at every meal-highlighted by the infamous "666 drawing" at Saturday's dinner (at which almost everyone had the



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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Brothers,

With this issue of the **Voice of the Turtle** comes a number of notable changes affecting our Unami Lodge and its publication. The term of our Lodge Chief, Mike Tursi, is ending. Mike has served our lodge and its members, both prior and new, young and old, very well and with cheerfulness. And our new Lodge Chief, David Sirken, has met with his officers, is selecting committee chairmen and has big plans for a great year.

The **Voice**, as you hopefully have noticed, is printed in a newsprint format, and I have the privilege of acting as editor for my first issue. We have gone to this style of printing in order to better inform you, the brothers of Unami, by including more information in a single issue than was possible using the previous style and techniques. This method saves money, time and solves the problem of not being able to produce enough issues during the course of the year.

I think that the **Voice of the Turtle** will be a better source of Lodge information than in the past. The **Voice** will be carrying everything concerning both Chapter and Lodge events. Camp promotion will be included regularly in our coverage of Unami Lodge as well.

The way that you can really benefit from the news that you read here is to make every effort to attend the events announced. The **Voice** will be relaying all information pertaining to activities inside the Lodge, but you must take the responsibility of attending. The FIRST event you should be planning to attend is the Annual Dinner. This is the highlight of the year, but will only be successful with your attendance. It doesn't matter if you are 11 or 111 years old, it's your presence that counts!! To attend, simply complete the form in this issue on page 3, mail as indicated and come to the Four Chefs on December 29. This will make you an active participant of your lodge.

Yours in service,

Mark Murset

who have contributed their services to Unami, to those who ran the service and fellowship weekends, those who served as chairmen of committees, and all those brothers who participated in the special events of the Lodge.

I would like to remind all of you of the main purpose of our Order, which is camp promotion. One way all brothers can show that our Lodge is alive and well is by attending summer camp and the winter camping weekends

Message from the Chief

Fellow Brothers,

This is the final issue of the **Voice** for this year. For the past two years I have tried to serve you, my fellow brothers in Unami Lodge, to the best of my ability. However, my job would have been impossible without the cooperation of many hard working and devoted people. I would like to thank all those

and by serving as staff members at summer camp.

In closing, I would like remind you that the year is not over. One of our important events, if not the most important event of the year, is still to come, the 65th Annual Dinner on December 29, 1980. We have had a great and profitable year, and we must continue it by having a large turnout at the Dinner. See you at Four Chefs!

Yours in Brotherhood
Micheal Tursi

New Officers' Training Weekend set for Jan. 2,3,4

Dave Sirken, lodge chief-elect for 1981, is just about finished finding the people he needs to head up his 24 Lodge committees, and plans are set to hold the New Officers' Training Weekend Jan. 2,3 and 4, where chairmen will be confirmed by election.

"I have found people for 21 or so (of the committees), and about three-quarters have already said yes," Sirken said. Nominated chairmen and elected chapter officers for 1981, over 100 people in all, can expect invitation for the Training Weekend to go out in the mail Monday, Dec. 22, Sirken said.

The Training Weekend will be held at Far Country mansion, a new training

center for Philadelphia Council that the new Unami Lodge leadership will be the first Scouts to use. The mansion replaces the Breyers Training Area, for which the lease runs out next year and will not be renewed by Council. Sirken said the object of the weekend "is just to sit down and discuss the state of the Lodge, and what we plan for next year," as well as it being a chance for new officers to get training and meet the other people involved in Unami Lodge at both chapter and lodge levels.

Everyone invited gets together during the weekend and votes on each individual committee chairman appointee Sirken has made to confirm them for office. Sirken said he

is also preparing at this time a list of advisers and associate adviser recommendations, which he will give to Art Pettit, serving next year again as Lodge Lay Adviser. Mr. Pettit has final choice on all committee advisers and associate adviser appointments.

Sirken said he also made a suggestion to Mr. Pettit for a Lodge Associate Adviser, but it is up to Mr. Pettit "all the way," the new chief-elect added.

Sirken met with his other elected officers for 1981 at the New Members Reception over the Thanksgiving weekend, and he says everything is rolling along with big plans for a great 66th year for Unami Lodge #1.

—RALPH SIEGEL

Officers elected for 1981

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**Yours in service,
Mark Murrett**

Officers elected for 1981

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Lodge Ceremonials Teams. Albert hails from Penn's Woods chapter and he is presently a senior at Bishop Neumann High School. Al is a member of the Alpha String

Summer honors reports

Hart

During this summer, over 100 Scouts entered our Order by successfully completing their Ordeal. Many important service projects for Philadelphia's largest camping facility were completed.

Nineteen members also "sealed the bond" and kept their Brotherhood at Hart; most of them served as elongomats.

The Honors Masters' job would have been impossible without the help of all those who took part in ceremonies, both Ordeal and Brotherhood as well, and those also who helped with the socials. A special word of thanks to Mike Tursi and David Sirken for all their help during the summer. Everything was a success and a job well done by all who helped me in any way.

— AL LEE, Jr.
Hart Honorsmaster

Treasure Island

Eighty Ordeal candidates were inducted as members this past summer at Treasure Island Scout Reservation and nine brothers "sealed the bond" by earning Brotherhood. Many worthwhile service projects were completed at the reservation in the first year of its re-opening for summer camping in about ten years.

Everything went well all summer long thanks to the ceremonial team. Members of the team were Christopher Higgins, Henry Stoughton, Tim Kelly and Ray Gatter, all of whom are from Polaris Chapter. Their performance was splendid! Also, thanks must go to Wes Baxter, camp ranger, and Ted Zellner, Bill Malik and the rest of the Treasure Island staff and the elongomats.

—VINCE SCOTT
T.I. Honorsmaster.

and votes on each individual committee chairman appointee Sirken for office. Sirken said he

Unami Lodge.

Treasurer: Eric Shalita — Eric is certainly no stranger to responsibility in Scouting and in the Order of the Arrow. Brother Shalita has served Unami as Frontier Chapter Chief, Vice-Chief and as Dinner Booklet chairman. Eric is a veteran of numerous lodge committees and event staffs as well as having performed on chapter ceremonial teams. Currently a senior at George Washington High School, Eric plans to attend the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science next fall. Brother Shalita is a Brotherhood member of Unami Lodge.

Trustee: Phil Hittner — Phil is certainly a familiar face in Unami Lodge and Philadelphia Scouting. A form-

er lodge chief, Brother Hittner has also chaired the Lodge Vigil Honor Committee, has served as Lodge Treasurer, and is a veteran of the Council camp staff. Phil was instrumental in the writing of the current lodge by-laws and operations manual. He is a graduate of Drexel University and is currently employed by Betz Laboratories. Phil will be serving a three-year term as lodge trustee. Brother Philip Hittner is a Vigil Honor member of Unami Lodge.

One more interesting point to attest to the capability of our new Lodge officers — every one of them is an Eagle Scout! Congratulations to our new officers and good luck in the exciting and eventful year to come.

—JEFF STEINBERG

65th Annual Dinner

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effectiveness. Brothers, do not jeopardize the health of Unami Lodge or of yourself. Send in your reservation form immediately to insure the success of this fine event. The sense of achievement and the brotherhood and cheerfulness you will experience at this excellent event will complete the therapy in order to overcome all previous symptoms! Also, you'll learn a great deal about Unami Lodge, meet some fantastic Scouts and Scouters, enjoy a meal fit for regal consumption and just have a good ol' time. Brothers, remember to respond swiftly to insure your self and your loved ones a magnificent holiday season.

—CHRIS LUCCA



THE FUN FESTIVAL was centered around Penn's Woods' great clown sign.

Lodges nation-wide attend 65th

On the weekend of July 12 and 13, 1980, Unami Lodge #1 hosted the 65th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Order of the Arrow. Early on Saturday

for the celebration of its 65th year. Over 450 brothers representing 32 lodges from the following states attended: Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia.

New Unami Lodge song

The new lodge song has been approved and was introduced to the brothers of Unami at the Fall Fellowship weekend this year. The lyrics, written by Bill Robinson and Pop Doyle, are as follows:

March, march, march on T.I. with me,
Where the O.A. started, you see.
Join our Lodge and come along,
As we sing our song.

CHORUS

Unami One, Unami One, let's give three mighty cheers!
And we'll camp along together, another 65 years!

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Saturday morning and a super weekend-long task of installing a new roof on one of the shacks in the west staff area.
The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday Night Social (Yes, SOCIAL) which was attended by everyone in camp. At the social a new lodge song, "Unami 1", was

Weekend a success

introduced. This song was later adopted as the official lodge song.

All brothers present ate extremely well during the weekend thanks to the fantastic job done by Pop Doyle and his kitchen crew.

—FRANK CAMPISI, Jr.
Fall Fellowship Co-chairman

to the original ceremonial grounds where Ted Goodman, our late founder's son, addressed those present. George Keller, 1932 Unami Lodge chief, also spoke on the early days of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The highlight of the evening was an authentic re-enactment of the original First Degree Ceremony and Unami's 1980 Vigil Honor Call-out. All Arrowmen then adjourned to the dining hall and enjoyed a fireworks display and a festive "ice cream and cake" birthday party.

A rededication ceremony following breakfast the next morning and all brothers

listened attentively to a few words from our late founder's wife, Mrs. Louise Goodman. The weekend officially came to a close with a singing of the Order of the Arrow song.

Everyone left Treasure Island with fond memories, favorable comments and new friends. Special thanks to Pete Stolzer and his talented "gold-bordered" crew from Wissahickon Valley who cooked up some of the finest meals ever served in the old T.I. Dining Hall. Congratulations to David Sirken, Event Director, and his hard-working committee on a super weekend!

—GLENN BERMAN

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NOVEMBER, 1981

Saturday evening's program highlighted the weekend. During dinner, Jaff Hermann, National Order of the Arrow Chief, addressed his fellow brothers as did leaders of Unami Lodge and Philadelphia Council. Afterwards, the crowd was delighted by the Treasure Island camp staff's sensational rendition of "Cock Robin" and all joined in the singing of the Treasure Island song. The traditional colors ceremony was held after dinner where the brothers lined up according to year of their induction into the Order. The delegates were then led

with the brotherhood we bring. Underneath the stars at night, In our campfire's light.

REPEAT CHORUS

We're the men of Unami Lodge,
Boy Scouts all along with us,
Coming on the hill and trail,
Singing while we serve.

REPEAT CHORUS

If from now down on memory lane,
We shall walk and camp again,
These great days with you and me
and Unami Lodge!

REPEAT CHORUS

Chapter	Ordeal	Brotherhood	Vigil	TOTAL
Unassigned	27	15	21	63
Penn's Woods	38	32	11	81
Conestoga	22	15	12	49
Delaware	150	127	20	297
Frontier	136	113	28	277
Woodland	25	46	9	80
Polaris	127	103	46	276
Wissahickon Valley	59	43	15	117
Philenape	26	25	6	57
Unity	16	9	1	26
Independence	17	21	4	42
TOTAL	643	549	173	1365

65th Annual Unami Lodge Dinner

and Business Meeting

December 29 at Four Chefs Sackett and Hellerman Sts.

Mail in to Phila. Council, 22nd and Winters Sts., Phila. Pa., 19103 BY DEC. 22

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Chapter _____

For info call
Chris Lucca
465-7368

Enclosed are all the name(s) of my guests, with \$8.25 per ticket, at a total of _____
 Checks payable to: Unami Lodge, Phila. Council, B.S.A.

A full table accommodates 10, so reserve a table for your party.

Cost is \$82.50 per table of ten. Our committee will make every effort to seat larger groups at adjoining tables. The committee regrets that it will make no seating changes and will accept no payments at the door. All lodge members will be able to pay their dues and purchase lodge properties at the 65th annual dinner.

CHAPTER NEWS

PENN'S WOODS

Penn's Woods Chapter has changed its meeting place. *We now meet on the first Thursday of every month at Calvary—St. Paul Church at Broad St. and Moyamensing Ave. at 7:30 p.m.*

Next Meetings: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5

PHILENAPE

Philenape Chapter meets on the third Thursday of every month at the P.N.B. Bank at Kensington and Allegheny. Our chapter is on the move and you shouldn't be left out, so come to the next meeting!

Next Meetings: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19

WOODLAND

Our chapter holds its meetings on the second Monday of every month at the Ninth Presbyterian Church at 57th and Washington Ave. Come to our next meeting and see what's happening in Woodland Chapter! Sean O'Neil, chapter chief, at 622-7866, for information.

Next Meetings: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9

WISSAHICKON VALLEY

Our chapter meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Germantown Y.M.C.A. at 5733 Green St. at 7:30 p.m. We have a chapter patch that costs \$3.50, so come out, get one, participate and have a good time!

Next Meetings: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19

CONESTOGA

Conestoga Chapter meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Overbrook School for the Blind at 64th and Malvern Aves. at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and get in on the fun! We expect a large turnout at the Dinner! Don't forget our coming

meetings — planning for next year is important.

Next Meetings: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10

FRONTIER

Frontier Chapter meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Pennypack Environmental Center on Verree Road below Bloomfield Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are served at all our meetings. If you don't receive calls or meeting notices, call the chief, Eric Shalita, right away at 676-2797.

Next Meetings: Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26

INDEPENDENCE

Our chapter meets the second Wednesday of every month at Centro Loyola, 438 West Jefferson Ave. at 7:30 p.m. We're planning great events and we need you to help them get going! We want to see you in our circle at our next meeting.

Next Meetings: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11

DELAWARE

The Delaware Chapter meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Holmesburg Baptist Church, Frankford Ave between Rhawn and Decatur Sts., at 7:30 p.m. We play basketball after every meeting, so come on out and have some fun and show Scouting spirit at the same time!!

Next Meetings: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5

UNITY

Unity Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 2330 West Allegheny Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Our chapter has lots of activities going and all of our members should come out and take part. Come on out and join the fun!

Next Meetings: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10

POLARIS

The Polaris Chapter meets the first Thursday of every month at the First Presbyterian Church of Olney at 3rd and Tabor Sts. at 7:30 p.m. We are working on chapter events and you've got to come out to be a part of it. So come out and get involved. Come to the next meetings.

Next Meetings: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5.

CROSSED ARROWS



Tim Kelly

In this issue, the Voice staff honors Tim Kelly, active member of Unami Lodge at both chapter and lodge levels, for his unselfish service to his brothers, to Scouting and to the promotion of camping.

Tim has served as vice-chief of Polaris Chapter, and during the past year was Camp Promotion chairman for the Lodge, and put together an excellent slide show for the purpose of camp promotion. This is a very important job because it is the goal of Unami Lodge and of the Order of the Arrow foremost to promote camping.

At summer camp, he helped make things work on staff, acting as the Honor's Master at Treasure Island Scout Reservation in its first year back on the map as a summer camp after many years of idleness. Tim was also co-honors master of the Ordeal candidates at the Fall Fellowship Weekend. A special congratulations to Tim for being elected Secretary of Unami Lodge for the 1981 year.

Tim, the Voice staff salutes you and thanks you for your outstanding contributions in the spirit of cheerful service.

—MARK MURSET

ADDOWMANIANIC

Aves. at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and get in members should come out and take part. on the fun! We expect a large turnout at Come on out and join the fun! the Dinner! Don't forget our coming Next Meetings: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10

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ARROWMAN'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AWARD

Since its first use in 1915, the Ordeal Membership Ceremony has always stressed the primary obligation of an Arrowman as service to his home unit. To reinforce this concept, the major emphasis of the Arrowman's National Personal Involvement Award (adopted by the Order of the Arrow National Committee, August 1979) is to encourage a recommitment to home unit service in four specific program areas:

- The Unit Program
- The Troop Camping Experience
- Webelos-to-Scout Transition
- Family Understanding

**CONTACT YOUR LODGE
OR CHAPTER LEADERS
OR ADMISERS
FOR INFORMATION**

To earn the award, Arrowmen must satisfactorily complete all requirements in all four program areas. Arrowmen up to age 18 must earn the Arrowman's National Personal Involvement Award using the youth requirements. Arrowmen over 18 in 1980 must complete all the requirements in the adult categories.

Since the Arrowman's National Personal Involvement Award is given for program involvement in a Boy Scout troop, youth progress should be discussed with and signed by adult troop leadership. Progress toward an adult award should be discussed with and signed by the appropriate troop, district, or council volunteer leadership.

