

79th Annual Dinner Rapidly Approaches

On Tuesday, December 27, 1994 at Cannstatter's Volkfest-Verrin on Academy Road, Unami Lodge, One will hold its 79th Annual Lodge Dinner. Our Lodge's Annual Dinner is the oldest standing tradition in the Order of the Arrow. 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 cost of this event is \$14.00 for non-members, and \$19.00 for members (This price for members includes the annual dues of \$5.00 for 1995. Dues were raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00 by vote of the Executive Committee at the October Meeting). So, if you are a member of the Lodge and you attend the Dinner, you have already paid your dues for 1995 without having to send in any additional money. Be sure to take advantage of this special opportunity!

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 Lodge Officers, a special year end slide show, and oh, so much more. This event will also be the first opportunity to purchase the New 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. A reservation form is

enclosed with this Voice of the Turtle, so send it in before the deadline. Don't forget that the members' price for the dinner includes your 1995 Lodge Dues. See You there!

ANNUAL DINNER REGISTRATION

\$14.00	Dinner
+ \$5.00	Dues
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\$19.00	Total*

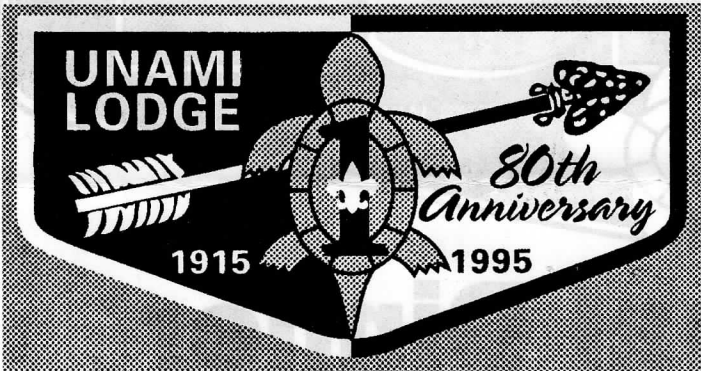
*Non-Members pay only the Dinner Cost (\$14.00)

DON'T FORGET

- Deadline for the Dinner is Friday, December 23rd.
- If your unable to make the Annual Dinner, your \$5.00 1995 Dues may be mailed to the Council Office.

LODGE ISSUES TWO NEW FLAPS

At the October Executive Committee Meeting, the Lodge voted to issue two new flaps to help celebrate the 80th Anniversary of our Lodge. Below are both designs along with an explanation of each flap and its selling price. These flaps will start to go on sale at the Lodge Annual Dinner on December 27th, so make plans to attend because supplies are limited.



This flap is the official 80th Anniversary Flap. The border of this flap is half white and half black. It features the symbol of our Lodge, the green turtle, in the middle along with our Lodge's number in red. The left hand side of the flap has a black background with all letters and numbers, along with the back part of the arrow in white. The right hand side has a white background with all lettering, numbers, and front part of the arrow in red. This design symbolizes the Lodge's strength through the years from the beginning, when the earlier sashes were black with white arrows, to the present, where the sashes are white with red arrows all the while our Lodge, the turtle, remains present. As always the arrow points to the right symbolizing the ongoing path of onward and upward to meet our future challenges in the next 80 years. This flap will sell for \$3.00.



This flap is called the "Founding Flap." It was made to commemorate the founding of our Lodge in 1915, some 80 years ago. The flap bears "The Wimachtendienk" in yellow which was the name of the organization before it was later changed to the Order of the Arrow. The background is black and the green turtle appears over a white bar (the first type of sash was black with a white bar in place of an arrow). Treasure Island, appearing in red, is on the flap to recognize our founding place. This flap will sell for \$4.00.

Look for more issues of other special properties in 1995 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary.

Lodge Changes Operational Calendar

At the Spring Service Weekend the youth members present discussed and voted upon a measure to change the Lodge Operational Calendar Year from a January 1st through December 31st structure to a September 1st through August 31st structure. This change in operations will take effect on September 1, 1995. Therefore the Lodge Officers recently elected at the Fall Fellowship Weekend will take office on January 1, 1995 but their term will run until August 31, 1995.

Therefore, the structure of when things will take place during the Lodge Year will be changed. The most important change is that Lodge Officers will be elected at the Spring Service Weekend beginning with the upcoming weekend on May 19-21, 1995. This means that those officers who will take office on September 1, 1995 will be those elected at the upcoming Spring Weekend. Many decisions of other operational items such as when to pay dues for the

1995-96 year, when to hold the annual Vigil Induction, as well as the answering of the question of should the Annual Dinner date be moved in 1995, have yet to be determined by the Lodge Executive Committee. Look for an official announcement of decisions about these as well as other operational questions in the first Voice of the Turtle of 1995, maybe even sooner.

Arrowmen Perform in Halftime Show

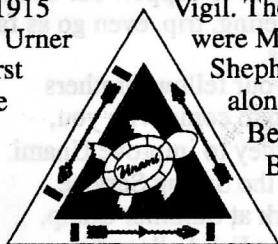
On October 24th, a number of Unami Lodge members took part in the Halftime show, which was sponsored by the Ronald McDonald House, at the Eagles and Houston Oilers showdown on Monday Night Football. This group of about fifty arrowmen performed a flag routine in front of a sold out Veterans' Stadium crowd, drawing a generous applause from the rowdy fans. Along with the performance, we all had the opportunity to personally meet and converse with the beautiful Philadelphia Eagles' Cheerleaders.

Prior to the game, we all practiced the routine along with the

Eagles' Cheerleaders and a group of Girl Scouts. Some of us had an opportunity to toss a football around with Oilers starting quarterback, Billy Joe Tolliver. Jason Shepherd, Lodge 1st Vice-Chief, Rick Arcangel, Lodge Secretary, and Brian Fowler, 1993 Lodge Chief were some of the fortunate arrowmen who helped Tolliver warm-up for the big game. The game was exciting as the Eagles crushed the Oilers. It was a tough job waving the flags in front of a packed house with those Cheerleaders, but someone had to do it, and they had a great time!

Lodge Recognizes Outstanding Service

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor which a lodge can bestow upon a member. It is given for outstanding service to the lodge and council. It dates back to 1915 when our founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, became the first Vigil Honor member. The Vigil Honor is a mark of high distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who have given exceptional service beyond the call of duty, involving unselfish dedication and wholehearted altruistic leadership.



Alertness to the needs of others is a mark of the Vigil Honor.

At the annual Fall Fellowship Weekend six brothers kept their Vigil. Those youth recognized were Mark Bonitatibus, Jason Shepherd, and Ron Whelan, along with the adults Henry Berk Sr, Tom Kane, and Brian White. The Lodge would like to extend to these dedicated arrowmen a most sincere congratulations on this special event in their lives.

Section Publications Committee Announces Contest

The publications committee of Section NE-4B is looking for a new header for its newsletter the "4B WINDS." Any interested arrowmen who have ideas should submit their designs to the 1995 Lodge Chief, Antoine Skinner by January 15, 1995 so that he can submit them to the Section at the January Council of Chiefs Meeting. The winner of

the contest will be able to attend the 1995 Section Conclave at Hart for FREE! Get creative and send in those designs, you could be the winner!

Antoine Skinner
1995 Lodge Chief
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THE LODGE IS GOING TO PHILMONT... ...ARE YOU?

In July of 1995, Unami Lodge is leading the Philadelphia Council Contingent to Philmont. Several spots are still open on the trek contingent, but you have to act fast. What is waiting for you at Philmont? Philmont is 137,493 acres of challenging Scout adventure spread among the mountains and mesa's of northeastern New Mexico. Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,600 feet at headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Summer daytime temperatures often reach into the 90's but nights cool to the 50's. Wildlife is abundant on Philmont's forested mountains and grassy plains. Philmont is a working cattle ranch with over 250 head of Hereford cows ranging its pastures.

Since Philmont began in 1938, more than 550,000 Scouts, Explorers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of it backpacking program. Arrowmen must be in top physical condition and at least 13 years old by January 1, 1995 in order to participate. The Lodge's expedition will hike Philmont's mountains for twelve full days, spending nights at various predetermined backcountry camps. At staffed camps, the expedition can participate in a variety of programs presented by the Philmont staff. Among these programs are horseback riding, gold panning, rock climbing, rifle shooting, and archeology. Also included in the trip to Philmont is a visit to the Flying W. Ranch, Pike's Peak, Royal Gorge, Koshare Kiva Indians, and the Air Force Academy.

If you are interested in being a part of the Lodge's contingent to Philmont on July 4 - 18, 1995 please contact Bob Kestler, Lodge Adviser, at 492-1992 as soon as possible. The approximate cost of the trip is \$825. Space is limited and spots are going fast so decide if this adventure is for you and call Bob today!

Adviser's Corner...

Tricky business, this advising business. It can be very difficult guiding young men through a series of potential snares and pitfalls. When an organization approaches its eightieth year, that organization may be full of well meaning groups that seem to want to pull it apart or it can be a well oiled machine that chugs along over bumpy roads because of tried systems that have been put into place. We have a little of both. We have chapters who hold their own work weekends, but don't show up at the Lodge's and don't exercise their right to vote for Lodge Officers. Two chapter chiefs have been absent at Lodge Executive Committee meetings more than they have been present. Two chapters have been non-existent all year. Former chiefs and advisers are reluctant to see anything change or move ahead, knowing all of the pitfalls that they have lived through. A stretched to the limit office staff tries to serve our requests for mailings, membership and finance reports, dealing with a computer system that can not easily

give us that information.

As discouraging as all of this may be, there is that well oiled machine of advisers, a chief, vice-chief, and activities chairman who were always there and often inspired me.

Where will our eightieth year lead us? No one would like to see our organization fold, too much good comes from it. The service to our camps, the ideals of cheerfulness and service that it brings to our youth are too valuable to squander. In 1995 Unami Lodge is leading our Council's contingent to Philmont. We move into a calendar year that reflects our school year, hopefully eliminating some of our Fall annual apathy. We must stay focused. We must communicate. We must catch the higher vision.

Bob Kestler

Editor's Note...

Year ago in the dim ages, around 1915 worked two men at Treasure Island Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. They searched for members for their Brotherhood of Cheerful Service in the Lodge, Unami.

In this state of bliss so happy many moons the Lodge prospered Spring Services led into Summer Camp, Summer Camp guided the way for the much successful Fall Fellowships. The Falls set the pace for an overwhelming support at the Annual Dinner.

But behold a cloud arising changed how soon the peaceful aspect. Lack of communication caused poor motivation which became the reason for the lack of participation. Now the editor of the Voice makes quick inquire, who among my Brothers of the Wilmachtendienk will try to change this dire and dreadful danger.

Only you my Brothers have the power to make a difference, together we can climb the mountain of communication success.

United we can rebuild each others motivation, and reaffirm our dedication to this Order.

The first step is to support our Chapters: Attend a meeting, trip, even go as far as to plan these activities.

Encourage your fellow Brothers in your troop to come with you, on your journey to improve Unami. Then attend the Spring Service, come or work at Summer Camp, and attend the Fall Fellowship.

The rewards of Brotherhood and Cheerful Service are more than you can imagine.

In December help bring the year to a close at the Lodge Annual Dinner.

I now ask you to join me on the long and toilsome journey to the top.

Pledge yourself to Cheerful Service, and dedicate yourself to make Unami Lodge better for you, me and the future.

In closing I would like to thank Brother Bob Wilsbach, my Adviser, Keith Nolan and Christian Eckert, my Vice-Chairmen, Bernie Arinsberg, my Adviser for this edition and all those that contributed in making the Voice happen.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mark Bonitatibus

National Gets Tough on "Arrowmen In Bars"

The National Order of the Arrow Committee firmed up its position on how its members are viewed in bars. Unfortunately, those who are not directly involved will also feel repercussions of their actions. Local Lodges have been left to enforce these National mandates. Arrowmen who are uncertain as to where they fall in this Order are asked to immediately contact their Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser. Should this article continue to baffle, befuddle, confuse, perplex, and leave you with a general feeling of unconsciousness, call. Call them! Call them now!

This Order begins with Unami Lodge launching a full scale investigation into any involvement that would link any of our members to National's Task Force on arrowmen in bars. Individual background checks as well as rumor, rhetoric, and hearsay sadly indicate that Unami Lodge indeed has a widespread involvement problem with arrowmen in bars. Both youth and adults have been found entering and staying for longer periods than the ten months afforded by the National Committee. This investigation has discovered that there is an overwhelmingly higher percentage of youth now linked with the Task Force. Under the "Right to Privacy" Act the names of the offenders can not be published at this time. To further determine whether your name may or may not appear in the Official Task Force Journals, Unami Lodge offers you the following indicators as a true measure of your DEGREE of involvement in the Order:

Indicator One: Did you take your Ordeal and so register with Unami Lodge, One prior to and including Summer Camp of 1994?

Indicator Two: If you answered yes to Indicator one, then you are an Ordeal

Member who is eligible to Seal the Bond. Earn your BARS and attain the degree of Brotherhood at the upcoming Spring Service Weekend at Hart Scout Reservation during the weekend of May 19-21, 1995.

Indicator Three: If you are unaware of your rights and privileges of being an Ordeal member for ten months or more then an explanation of these rights and privileges are entitled to you. You may collect this explanation oddly enough during the weekend of May 19-21, 1995 at camp Hart or should you feel strongly enough to exercise your option to know immediately, you may collect what is owed to you at the 79th Annual Lodge Dinner at Cannstatter's on Tuesday December 27, 1994.

There are two main degrees within the Order of the Arrow. First your degree of involvement within our Lodge and Chapters:

- 1: Do you help keep the "outing in Scouting" in your home unit?
- 2: Do you participate in your Chapter's program as well as attend Lodge events?
- 3: Do you have your Chapter Chief and or Adviser's phone numbers on your speed dial?

The second degree within the Order is your actual degree (Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil).

The National Order of the Arrow Committee has indeed firmed up its position on Ordeal members Sealing the Bond (Arrowmen in Bars). After you look over the Brotherhood Requirements (found on pages 51-56 of the current Order of the Arrow Handbook - 1992 Edition item number #634996), it is hoped that you will understand that once a member has this knowledge he will have a better understanding of who and what a true arrowman really is. "Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievement."

Arrowmen Rebuild Hart's Rifle Range

During one of the many snow storms last winter the roof of the Rifle Range at Hart collapsed due to the weight of the snow. The old Rifle Range had served the camp well for 30 years. The previous structure was built and used for two weeks during the summer of 1964 by over 50,000 scouts at the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA. At the Jamboree's end, the range was dismantled and shipped to Hart where it was reassembled and has been ever since.

On the weekend of May 6-8, Hunnikick Lodge #76 had their spring work weekend at HART. Among other projects they completed, they managed to clean away all the debris caused by the collapse and they began to put up new beams to support the new roof. At our Spring Service Weekend on May 20-22, our own members of Unami, lead by Ron Whelan Sr., finished the beams and built the roof, almost completing the project. The final touches were finished later by volunteers under the supervision of Rick Hummel and Ray Braun. Thanks to all those who were members of that important work project at the Spring Service. Due to the hard work of all of these arrowmen, the range was ready for the scouts who attended summer camp.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2001 in Review - On October 22-23, 1994 close to 200 Scouts and Scouters gathered on Marshall Island at Treasure Island Scout Reservation for Leadership 2001. This exciting annual event is set up to train the Troops' Junior Leaders in the skills they need to run an effective Troop Program back at home. The Lodge was on hand by setting up and running several demonstrations along the trail on the hike up to the training sites. Thanks to those arrowmen and volunteers who helped make the Lodge's part of the program a big success.

1995 Lodge Officers Elected

During the Fall Fellowship Weekend held back in September, the youth in attendance elected the 1995 Lodge Officers:

- Lodge Chief: Antoine Skinner
- 1st Vice-Chief: Brian Wallace
- 2nd Vice-Chief: Rick Arcangel
- Secretary: Steve Harvey
- Treasurer: Walter Rash

Congratulations and good luck!

Scouting For Food - This year's Scouting For Food Drive collected over 106,000 items in the unit phase alone. There is still the Thanksgiving Day Parade collection, as well as the business phase yet to go. The Lodge was on hand at the Parade giving assistance in the collection along the parade route. Thanks to all who helped out.

Properties on Parade - The Lodge has a variety of properties on sale for its members. The best opportunity to purchase properties is at Lodge Events like the upcoming annual dinner. However, properties, such as flaps, can be purchased at the Council Camping Office which is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Lodge currently sells, among other things, Flaps, T-Shirts, Bolos, Mugs, Keychains, Backpatches, Sashes, Books, Stickers, and Pins.

18th World Jamboree - The 18th World Jamboree will take place July 25 - August 11, 1995 in Holland. If any Scout out there wants travel, adventure, the experience of meeting Scouts from all over the world, this is the place to be. Scouts must be 13 and first class in order to be eligible to attend. The approximate cost for the Northeast Region participants is \$2,295.00 and includes a tour of London. For more information contact the Philadelphia Council Camping Office at 988-9829.

1995 Dues are Due - Please make note that the Lodge Annual Dues have been raised to \$5.00 for 1995. All you need to do is fill out a 1995 registration card and send it to the council with a check for \$5.00 made payable to Unami Lodge, One. By paying your dues, you are entitled to receive all Lodge mailings, have the right to attend all events, as well as being able to purchase Unami Lodge Properties. Keep your membership active by continuing your support of the Lodge. Also note that if you attend the Lodge Annual Dinner, that the 1995 Dues are included in your price to attend the event. Take advantage of the convenience!

Costumes to be Improved - The Lodge will be looking to make many improvements on the Lodge Costumes in 1995. The Voice of the Turtle wants to keep the Lodge informed of the progress in this endeavor of the ceremonial committee. To aid in this process the Lodge members should be educated about our costumes. To this end there will be a full presentation at the 79th Annual Dinner as well as a detailed explanation with drawing and diagrams in the Dinner Booklet. You have to be present to witness this exciting part of the Dinner Program. Don't forget to register for the Annual Dinner to be held on Tuesday, December 27, 1995 at Cannstatter's and remember the cost of dues for 1995 is included in the price. Register today!

Summer Camp 1994 - The Philadelphia Council had a great summer camp program at both Hart and Treasure Island Scout Reservations this past summer with over 2800 Scouts and their leaders attending Boy Scout Resident Camp alone. Make plans to be a part of the action at our camps in 1995. But hurry, and register now while there are still some open weeks at both camps. Contact the Philadelphia Council Camping Office at 988-9829 for more information.

80th Anniversary Preview - Next year, the Lodge will celebrate its 80th Anniversary. There will be many special projects to get involved in so stay tuned. In addition, all Lodge Events will have special anniversary surprises to look forward to so plan on attending. Also, look for the Lodge special properties that will be issued next year to help raise funds for various projects as well as help commemorate this extraordinary occasion. These properties will begin to go on sale at the Lodge Annual Dinner, so take advantage of this opportunity to get your commemorative properties early.