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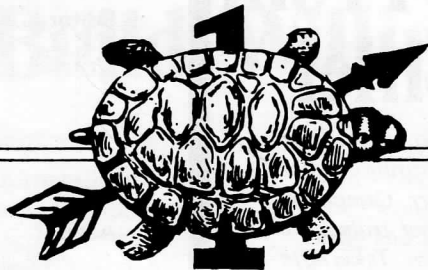
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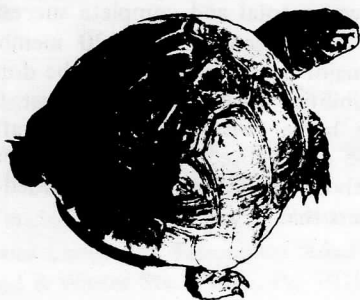
SEAL THE BOND. BECOME BROTHERHOOD.

A Weekend with Bob Lane

by Bob Lane

On June 14, 15 & 16 at Hart Scout Reservation, 136 Arrowmen provided 320 man-hours of service to the camp. Among the projects completed were: erosion control, Unami Lodge improvements, Ceremonial Ground improvements, tent pitching, moving ties at Rifle Range, gathering wood for fires and cleaning and preparing the Trading Post for operation. During the weekend, 34 candidates completed their Ordeal, and 21 members sealed the bond by becoming Brotherhood members. Those who attended also shared in the fun of participating in boating, swimming, rifle shooting, and viewing comedy films.

Thanks to all those who attended, and especially to the weekend Staff for making the Spring Service Weekend a great success.



The Voice of the Turtle captured
First Place in the Section 5-A
Newsletter Contest sponsored by
TV Guide.
We're NUMBER ONE!



Message From The Chief

I would like to thank all those brothers who have helped their Lodge in our campaign of service this Spring. Those brothers who cheerfully served at the Frontier Camporee, Webelos Day, Explorer Coed, and Spring Weekend truly have maintained scouting and the spirit of our order. Take note Philadelphia Council: We of Unami are on the move and are willing to serve. We have proved it this Spring, and will continue to run this lodge. We are number one and we will continue to live up to this honor. "For he alone may wear the arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellowman." (From the Ordeal Ceremony).

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Allan Geller

Allan Geller, Chief

P.S. I would like to personally welcome all our new members inducted in camp and at our Spring Work Weekend.

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WE, THE MEMBERS OF UNAMI LODGE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO HARRY STRAUSS, EDITOR OF THE VOICE, UPON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER.

News Shorts

Being Planned ...

Yes, I know that the thermometer is pushing towards 100, but I'm already trying to find out if we can expect a blizzard at this year's 59th Annual Dinner and Lodge Long-Speech Contest. Circle 26 December on your calendar, and plan to be there. Meanwhile, I want to hear some ideas. I made a pitch in the last Voice, and the only reply I received was from the wife of a member near Erie! Doesn't anyone else care what we do? I like to read letters, so send me a few. Also, I'll need help to put this thing together. Can you spend a few hours for your Lodge? Let me hear from you! My address is 3800 Dorchester Road, Philadelphia, 19154. So spend 10¢ and tell me what's on your mind.

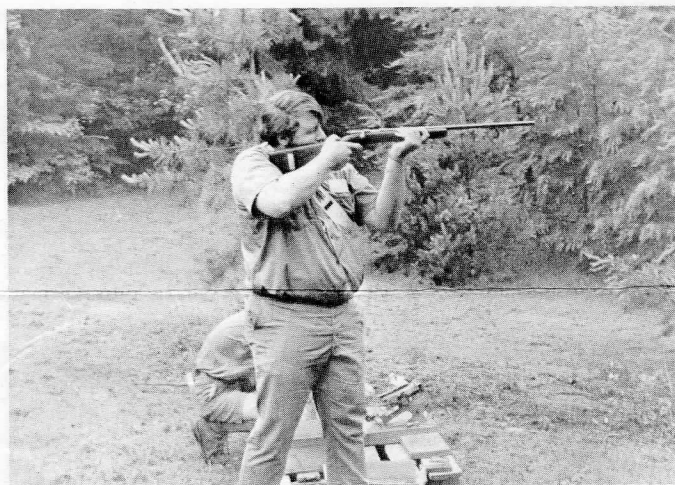
Yours in the Mashed Potatoes,

Eric

Eric Benshetler,
Dinner Chairman

Explorer Council Co-Ed

On May 31, June 1 & 2, the Exploring Division of Phila. Council held its 6th co-ed weekend at Hart Scout Reservation. In the spirit of cheerful service, 92 members of Unami Lodge served on the weekend staff. Nine served on the commissary crew with John Langan as director, Dick Smith & Brian Johnson served as cooks, Tom McGinley was equipment chairman, and Bob Lane was arrangements chairman. The Exploring Division and the co-ed committee are appreciative to the Lodge for the many hours of work our brothers dedicated to the success of the weekend.



Webelos Day

On June 1, 1974, Unami Lodge participated in the Council's Webelos Day. Held at Eagle Island Camp, this day-long activity was a total and complete success for over 200 Webelos. The lodge, sending over 20 members, was given many of the major duties which had to be done at the event. Such responsibilities included the Retreat Ceremony, the Campfire, the barge crossing, and Scoutcraft skills. Julian Alexander, the event director, wishes to express his sincere thanks to all those Lodge members who aided in making this the great success that it was.

Beginning to Build, Willing to Work

by Phil Hittner

On June 7, 1974, members of Polaris District-Chapter joined members of Frontier, Delaware, and Philenape Chapters at the section 5-A Conclave at Camp Horseshoe Scout Reservation just this side of the Mason-Dixon Line. It's a d-n shame that no one in the other six chapters felt like joining us for this educational and fun-filled weekend.

Unami, besides wearing the number "one", was NUMBER ONE at the Conclave, our delegation leading all the other lodges in Scout Spirit, singing, noisemaking, and other forms of good-natured fun. In honor of the Flyers, also number ONE, we sang "God Bless America" throughout the weekend. In honor of number ONE we won ONE prize in sports (Barry Kauffman, archery second place), and the NUMBER ONE

award, The TV Guide Award for Outstanding Lodge Newsletter. Congratulations to the Editor of the Voice of the Turtle and his staff. We also had the number ONE food, good ol' Philadelphia Soft Pretzels.

On the serious side, Matt Christenson was reelected Section Chief, Bill Koffel was elected Vice Chief, and Mike Setley was elected Secretary. Everyone from our delegation invites you to attend next year's Conclave, for when they were polled they said that they would be there, too.

My sincerest thanks to the 32 delegates, without whom I would have been very lonely at the Conclave all by myself. I'm just sorry that we did not fill our quota of 38.



Plan Now for Fall

The Fall Fellowship will be held at Hart Scout Reservation on October 11, 12 & 13. The cost is \$4.75 plus Ordeal or Brotherhood. Events for the weekend will include: Election of Lodge Officers, camp-wide games, comic films, service projects, boating, swimming, Saturday night social, rifle range . . . and MORE!! Deadline for the weekend is September 30. All other applications will be subject to \$.75 fine. For more information contact Glenn Bozzacco at DE 4-2618.

Fall Fellowship Application

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____

_____ enclosing \$4.75 for weekend

_____ enclosing \$6.15 for weekend and Brotherhood

_____ enclosing \$8.15 for weekend and Ordeal.

Mail to: Unami Lodge Fall Fellowship c/o Phila. Council B.S.A.
22nd & Winter Sts. Phila., Pa. 19103



October is Scout Month at the Franklin Institute. Plan now to take your unit or fellow brothers for a day of science and fun. There will be a Scout adventure trail, movies and special science demonstrations built around Merit Badges.

Souvenir patches and mugs will be on sale. A special Scout admission rate to be announced. For more info, call 448-1000 between 10:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Our Scribe Speaketh With Straight Tongue

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"... I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting..."

Words said once by a boy after a long day of work. Words mumbled without meaning in return for a status symbol? Words repeated unclearly, unsure of what their meaning is. Or an obligation stated by a man admitted to a club which upholds the ideal of service for the satisfaction in service itself.

It must be the first and last only. We must remember always... our troop... our chapter... our lodge... our Order. What is the purpose in our election to the Order and our elevation there to? Is it an award a mere prize to be left on a shelf to gather dust? NO! It must be our duty. Our duty to serve our fellow Scouts in every way possible.

But How?

Our first obligation is to the younger boys in our troops. We are to teach them the Skills and facts which they will need to know in order to advance. We must help those who we can help so that they may become men worthy, also, to someday wear the sash and bear the obligation, so that they can go back and teach those younger than they, ad finitum; we must help those younger and less experienced than us, as did the leaders before us who helped us to become what we are now; the chain of leadership must never be broken.

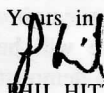
Fine. So you're serving the guys in your troop now. Where does Frontier Chapter and Unami Lodge fit into the scene? It has been noted that the first duty is to the troop. Now comes the second duty - to ourselves through the chapter and, through the chapter the lodge. To better enable us to help our troop members we must attend Lodge and Chapter functions - weekends, service projects, meetings, - for this is where we learn to go back and serve. Here, too, we serve, but with larger numbers - 900 in our chapter - so that more may be accomplished.

The OA has many problems. Without the aid and support of each member nothing can be accomplished: with the aid we need the OA can become what it is supposed to be - men caring for another. 20 men out of nearly 1,000 members attending a chapter meeting; only as individuals can this problem be resolved. Come. Bring the other men from your troop with you. Serve. Fulfill your obligation.

It is an irksome task; a weighty responsibility. It must be done. It was written in the chapters of the Fathers: "It is not upon you to finish the task; but neither are YOU free to desist from it." He who is not willing to serve, neither should he receive the honor of wearing the sash.

This is only the Humble opinion of one member; a member who has seen too much of the bad and wishes to change it. If there is any one who is reading this who gives a d-n, please tell us your feelings and how the Order may be improved. Yes Brother, that means you.

Yours in service,


PHIL HITTNER
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Ordeal Elections Over For 1974

by Eric Benshetler

Ordeal elections in Philadelphia are finally over. Election results have been received from 43 units. A total of 114 boys and 17 adults have been listed on these forms. In addition, units which have at least 50% of their members at summer camp and have not already had an election will have an election run at camp by the Honorsmasters, John Langan at Eagle Island and Tom McGinley at Hart Scout Reservation. By the end of the year, Unami will have about 200 new brothers.

At this year's Spring Service Weekend, 34 new members took their Ordeal. As only 11 had been expected, many arrangements had to be made at the last minute for the extra candidates. I still need to receive election reports from seven units who had candidates show up unexpectedly; without these reports, their membership in our order remains uncertain.

A reception for new brothers will be held at the Annual Dinner this year. Also, next year's Brotherhood Chairman will be in contact with these new members when they are eligible for Brotherhood Membership. We all hope to see them take an active part in Lodge and chapter affairs.

As this will be my last report, I would like to thank all the people who have helped out this year. Without chapter election teams and taskmasters, we wouldn't have any new members at all. Thanks for the assistance, and I hope you will continue to serve cheerfully next year at election time.

Notes from the Corner

Penn's Woods Chapter - I am happy to report that at the Spring Service Weekend 7 members sealed the bond in Brotherhood and 3 scouts made their Ordeal. Our Chapter ran the kitchen for the weekend and will also be doing the same for the Fall Fellowship. Information will be sent out informing you of the next Chapter meeting. Glenn Bozzacco - DE 4-2618.

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