

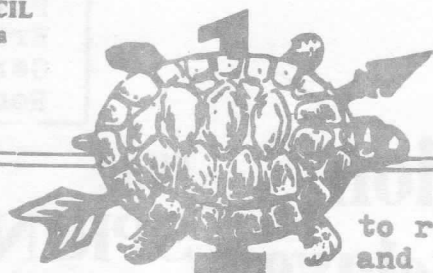


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Order of the Arrow



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UNAMI'S FUNDS RUNNING LOW

TREASURER FORESEES BUDGET CUTBACKS

Unami's income from dues payments has been so poor for 1975 that a budget cutback of up to 20% may be necessary. This was announced by Eric Benshetler, Lodge Treasurer, at the Executive Committee meeting in April. He cited first quarter figures as evidence; the figures convinced everyone present that Unami is in for some rough times. At the end of March the fiscal quarter net stood at -\$903.10, down sharply from 1974 and 1973 when the net quarter figures were +\$648.23 and +\$1837.39, respectively.

Beginning Year Expenses

One reason for the low net is the initial expense made for many items at the beginning of each year. The initial expenses are usually paid for from dues income, while future expenses are often defrayed in part by the sale of properties. This is necessary since properties are only sold on a small-scale basis until the first Lodge Weekend.

Budget Expectations Not Met

The budget for 1975 was designed around an expected income of \$3100 from dues-- \$2800 from regular dues payments during the first quarter, and \$300 from new members. At the end of March, though, the actual income was only \$1129, only 40% of the budgeted amount. As a result, the \$9050 budget can only depend on a total income of \$7379. This means a budget cutback will have to take place in the order of 20% to maintain a balanced budget. To offset this cutback, it may be necessary

to raise the price of properties, and to prevent a similar situation next year the dues rate may have to be increased.

Reserve Funds to be Tapped

Until added income results from properties sales at the first Lodge Weekend, it will be necessary to transfer some funds out of Unami's bank account into our Council account in order to pay for such such things as this Voice and the new Lodge flaps. The Lodge presently has \$1178.73 in its reserve account and, even though it is hesitant to do so, it will be forced to withdraw \$500 as a stop-gap measure.

What You Can Do

If you have already paid your dues the Lodge is grateful. If you have not paid your dues yet, we assume that there was a good reason. Perhaps you missed the Dues Statement in the December Voice, or maybe you just forgot in the holiday rush. We are reprinting the Dues Statement

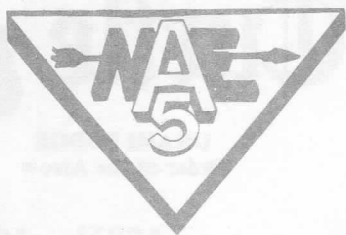
If you have not as yet paid for 1975, please fill in the statement as best you can and send it with a \$4 reinstatement fee. (Life Members -- you do not have to pay anything but you must still return the form to be placed on the 1975 membership list.)

Please note that this is the last issue of the Voice we can afford to send members who do not pay their dues. Let's keep the U in UNAMI.

1975 DUES STATEMENT

Name _____ Phone No. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Unit & No. (of Scouting Affiliation) _____
Chapter (What District in the City) _____
Occupation _____ Ordeal Date _____ Where _____
Brotherhood Date _____ Where _____ Vigil _____ Where _____
Life Member? _____ If yes, date _____ Your No. _____

Unami Lodge W.W.W. 22nd & Winter Sts. Phila., PA 19103



Northeast Region Section 5-A Conclave

CONCLAVE APPLICATION

YES! I want to go to the first Section 5-A Conclave. I am enclosing \$ _____ for _____ reservations @ \$6

Please list additional names, etc., on a separate sheet of paper and enclose.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

District-Chapter _____

Position _____

_____ Yes, I can provide transportation for _____ people.

_____ No, I need transportation.

Note: Preference given to Lodge and Chapter Officers and Committee Members.

DEADLINE: MAY 1

N.E. Region Section 5-A Conclave

On June 13-14-15, one week after the Spring Service Weekend, the 9 Lodges of Section 5-A will meet at Goose Pond Scout Reservation.

The theme of the Section Conclave is Fellowship. The program includes workshops on Camp Promotion, the Lenni Lenape Indians, Publications; competition and open archery, rowing and canoeing, swimming, volleyball, and riflery; Indian Dance Competition, and the Fellowship Feast.

For a great weekend, come on out. The cost of the Conclave is \$8.00, and the Lodge will pay \$2 of that, so you pay only \$6. The deadline is May 1, so please hurry. If you have any questions, call Gary Lewis at WA-4-3997.

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FUN!!

SPRING WEEKEND

1975 Spring Service Weekend

Want to attend a weekend of fun, fellowship, and service? the 1975 Spring Service Weekend will be held at Hart Scout Reservation on the weekend of June 6-7-8.

The cost of the Weekend is \$5., \$6.60 for Brotherhood Candidates, and \$8.70 for Ordeal Candidates.

Application deadline is Friday, May 30, 1975. After that date, applications will be accepted only with a 75¢ late fee. If you would like to serve on the staff, contact Gary Lewis at WA-4-3997.

SPRING SERVICE APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CHAPTER _____

_____ I am enclosing \$5.00 for the weekend

_____ I am enclosing \$6.60 for the weekend and Brotherhood

_____ I am enclosing \$8.70 for the weekend and Ordeal

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