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## DO YOU JUST BELONG ?

Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list ?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd,  
Or do you stay at home  
And crab both long and loud ?

Do you take an active part  
To help your lodge along,  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind to "just belong" ?

Do you ever go to visit  
A Brother who is sick,  
Or leave the work for just a few,  
Then talk about a clique ?

There's quite a program planned  
That means success, if done,  
And it can be accomplished  
With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly,  
And help with hand and heart,  
Don't just be a member  
But take an active part.

Think this over, Brother,  
Are we right or wrong ?  
Are you an active member ?  
Or do you just belong ?

## The Chief's Message



Dear Brothers,

I would like to express my thanks to Steve Darby and Ken Tinsman, the two Vice Chiefs, for the terrific job they did the past Fellowship and Ordeal Weekend. Without

them, I am sure it would not have been the great success that it was. Credit should also be given to the Executive Committee that brought up and developed the idea of having a fellowship weekend; I hope they continue with their concern for our Lodge as the year goes on.

The Lodge, however, is only as good as the members make it. The best program will fail if there is a lack of interest among the Brothers. It is for this reason that the Executive Committee established an elections policy recommending a stricter quota for O.A. membership. In this way, we can maintain our

quality Lodge, with quality members. In the near future, a letter will be sent out to all Scoutmasters (text follows) urging them to limit their quota and to allow only those Scouts who have really exemplified the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives to become members. If this can be accomplished, our Lodge will be only that much more ahead of the others.

Sincerely,  
*Bucky Jones*  
Sakima

## Elections Policy Adopted

At the November 1 Executive Committee meeting, an official lodge elections policy was adopted. All unit leaders will receive a copy of the policy when they are contacted concerning unit elections. The text follows:

Octoraro Lodge #22, W.W.W., is deeply concerned about the current quota system and its effects on our Lodge and the Order of the Arrow in general. We feel that the change in quotas made in 1968 to enable more qualified candidates to become members, although done

with sincere intentions of improving our organization, has in fact decreased the quality of participation of Lodge members, and thus has not had the desired result.

We base our opinion in this matter on experience and statistics that clearly reveal a substantial number of Order of the Arrow candidates turn up faithfully for their Ordeal and then are seldom, if ever, seen again at a Lodge function. Rather, it seems that these Scouts are no longer willing to dedicate themselves to the principles of our Order and therefore the quality of members' participation is deteriorating. At the present time Octoraro Lodge is powerless to change the quota system, as it is a national regulation. However, the Scoutmasters can improve this situation in several ways.

First, Octoraro Lodge strongly urges Scoutmasters when choosing candidates for election to only consider First Class Scouts or those of higher rank, as a candidate need have substantial experience in camping. (The Order of the Arrow is an honors camping organization).

Secondly, the Scoutmasters should honestly feel that each candidate put up for election is fully qualified, and that if he becomes a member he will actively serve the Order of the Arrow and Octoraro Lodge.

Taking the above into consideration, we strongly recommend that Scoutmasters only avail themselves of their full quota when they sincerely believe that they have that number of properly-qualified candidates.

Octoraro Lodge is interested in individuals who will dedicate themselves to cheerful service and improve our quality lodge. It is only through the cooperation of the Scoutmasters that our Lodge can maintain its high standards.

## Fall Ordeal And Fellowship Is A GREAT Success

Ninety-six Ordeal members were inducted at the Fall Ordeal and Fellowship Weekend held September 25, 26, and 27 at Camp Horseshoe. A total of 46 Brothers took part in the Brotherhood Ceremony the same weekend.

We had visitors from Kecoughtan and Blue Heron Lodges in addition to over 350 Brothers from our Lodge.

For the first time in Lodge history, we had a fellowship weekend in conjunction with the Ordeal. The great success of this endeavor was due to the foresight of the Lodge Executive Committee and especially the planning and work put into the job by Steve Darby, coordinator of the weekend. Most of the work projects were completed in the morning, while in the afternoon Brotherhood and Ordeal candidates worked on projects at Jubilee. The rest of the members participated in a general fellowship and games at Horseshoe. Four different teams competed for an award. All participating Brothers were given a fall fellowship patch. We hope that the members took advantage of the afternoon to get acquainted with other Brothers of our Lodge.

The highlight of the weekend was a patch auction Saturday night. Patches were donated by various Brothers who attended the weekend. Due to their generosity over \$300 was realized in what we hope will be a yearly affair.

Several of our Brothers continued their fine work on the Friday and Saturday night ceremonies. These Brothers are: Dave Bartlett, Doug Bartlett, Dwight Gayer, Rob Hopkins, Dave Midgley, Mark Moore, Bruce Ott, Eric Steen, and Bruce Wilson, all of Kimber-ton 49. Also, Dave Benedict, Steve D'Antonio, Steve Darby, Buck Jones, Tom McVey, and Scott Thomas, all from Willistown 78.

## Winter Camp Promotion

Last year our Lodge initiated a program of service to the troops involved in the winter camping program at Horseshoe. For this year we are expanding the project under the leadership of Eric Lorgus, Chairman of the Winter Camp Promotion Committee.

The idea is to get a few Order of the Arrow members down to camp each weekend of the winter season to aid the campmaster and the troops in camp. A minimum of three boys and one adult (preferably four and one) will stay in the O/A Lodge for the weekend and help provide a good program for the boys by helping with troop advancement, organizing a troop program for the weekend, arranging for religious services, a Saturday night campfire, and helping to keep the camp in good condition.

Response to the program from Scoutmasters has been encouraging, as has the willingness of our members to volunteer to help—especially at the Fall Ordeal and Fellowship Weekend. However, more help is needed, particularly for the dates January 22-24 and 29-31. Dates in the months after January are also open.

Interested members should contact Eric Lorgus, 1061 Country Club Road, West Chester, Pa. 19380 (telephone: 793-1189). In order for this program to succeed, full participation is needed.

WILL YOU BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

or do you just belong?

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A copy of the 1970-1971 Lodge Executive Committee is included with this issue.

Please feel free to voice your suggestions, complaints, and questions to any member of the committee.

## DUES ARE DUE!

Dues are payable by sending them to Joe Knipe, 492 West Valley Road, Wayne, Pa. 19087. Dues are \$1.50 per year or \$10.00 for a life membership, and are due by January 1, 1971. To remain a member YOU MUST BE REGISTERED in some capacity in Scouting.

Any member who is not registered or has not paid his dues by January 31 will be AUTOMATICALLY removed from the mailing list and Lodge records. Once you have been removed from the records there is a reinstatement fee of \$3.00. These previous statements constitute a motion adopted by your Executive Committee on March 2, 1969.

SEND THOSE DUES TODAY!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Lodge membership figures as of October 1969 were:

Ordeal	833
Brotherhood	142
Vigil	73
	<u>1048 total</u>

In contrast, the current (November) count is:

Ordeal	961
Brotherhood	203
Vigil	79
	<u>1243 total</u>

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS? Notify Joe Knipe, 492 W. Valley Rd., Wayne, Pa. 19087. Postage is being wasted because some Brothers did not notify Joe of a change.

ALSO, PLEASE report the names of any Brothers who enter the service and their approximate date for release.

.....MEMBERS IN THE NEWS.....

...BUCK JONES is the co-captain of the Great Valley High School football team..... BRUCE OTTEY of Kimberton 49 received the God and Country Award at his church in November..... ERNEST HEEGARD has just returned from a long vacation in Europe (Ernie is on sabbatical).. .....We regretfully announce that JACK TOMPKINS has resigned from all Scout activities because of personal reasons. He will be very much missed.....

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION FOR THIS COLUMN PLEASE SEND IT TO YOUR DISTRICT REPORTER. IT CAN BE NEWS ABOUT ANY O/A MEMBER IN SCHOOL, CHURCH, OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

U P A N D C O M I N G

- December 28 : Lodge Banquet
- January 3 : Executive Committee Meets
- 30 : Vigil Fellowship
- February 7 : Executive Committee Meets
- March 7 : Executive Committee Meets
- 27 : Workday
- April 4 : Executive Committee Meets
- 23-25 : April Ordeal Weekend
- May 2 : Executive Committee Meets
- June 4-6 : June Ordeal Weekend
- 11 -13 : Area III-A Conference
- September 24-26 : Fall Ordeal

C O M M U N I T Y A C T I V I T I E S

This year's annual banquet will be on December 28 at the St. Philips and James Church in Exton. Punch bowl will start at 6:00 and dinner will be at 6:30. All members will receive two tickets in the mail. If you wish to purchase them, they are \$3.50 each. (continued)

Send your check to Jim Good, 1321 Circle Dr., Downingtown, Pa. 19335. ONLY CHECKS MADE OUT TO JIM GOOD WILL BE ACCEPTED!! The cutoff for reservations is December 14, so send in your money now, and we'll see you at the banquet. REMEMBER: WEAR YOUR SASH.

**NEW LODGE PATCH!!**

Besides developing an elections policy for the Lodge in the past two months, your Executive Committee has been rather busy with several different projects.

Perhaps the most important news is that at the November 1 meeting the committee UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED a design for A NEW LODGE POCKET FLAP PATCH which will probably be put on sale in April. The size of the patch will be larger than the present one, because it is designed to fit the pockets of the new uniforms recently introduced. There are 9 different colors in the new patch, which has a silver border. The actual design, which was developed by Harry Murvin, Jr., Ernest Heegard, and Rob Hopkins, will be reproduced in the next issue of the WULAMOC. The fully-embroidered patch will be sold for \$.75. No limit on the number you can buy, either.

Much work was accomplished at the workday held October 24 at the Council Service Center. Brush was cleared, trees pruned, the building cleaned, floors waxed, and the windows were washed by the 47 Brothers who came.

Reports have been made concerning the winter cam promotion program (see page 7), the upcoming banquet (page 9), and the bylaws revision. Voting for new bylaws will take place in June. Also, Jim Gawthrop reported that Octoraro 22 can have 2 more delegates to the 1971 Area III-A Conference.

Presently the committee is considering changing the date of the 1971 Lodge nabquet to a more suitable time.