

Banquet Announcement

Come and get it !!!!!

At the annual Wagion banquet which will be held February 22, 1964, time 6:29 P.M., at RainbowGardens, Bridgeport St. Ext., Mt. Pleasant, Pa. A full course, family style, dinner will be served. The menu gives you a choice of turkey and stuffing or candied ham, plus all the trimmings.

There will be entertainment, and short comments.

Price is \$3.00 per person. No refunds after February 10, 1964.

There are 212 reservations available, which will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis; so get your name in the pot early.

Cut out the enclosed coupon and send it with the full \$3.00 to:

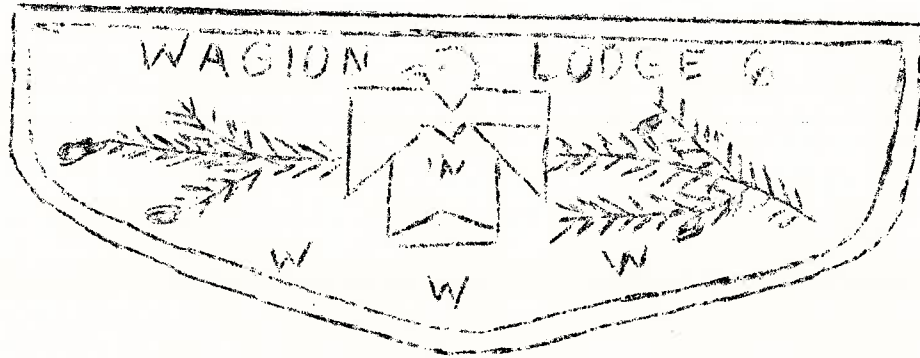
Wagion Lodge Dinner
Boy Scouts of America
329 South Main St.
Greensburg, Pa.

Count me in. Enclosed is my full \$3.00.

Name _____

Troop _____

Home Address _____



We have a newsletter. Why don't you give it a name?

There will be a prize given to the person who submits the best title, also the name will be permanently used for our paper.

Submit your suggestions at the February meeting.

The winner will be announced at the April meeting.

Cut out the enclosed coupon, think up a name, and bring it to the banquet. There will be a bowl to put them in.

An impartial committee will choose the winner.

I think the name _____ would be best for the newsletter.

Your name _____

Troop or Post _____

Home Address _____

This is the first edition of the Wagion Newsletter. It is our hope to establish closer ties between our members by giving them an overall look at our lodge activities. By doing this, we hope to magnify the theme of the 48th National Conference, "Catch the Higher Vision."

We will publish twice yearly, in January and August.

The next edition will include a "letters to the editor" column. Any member, boy or adult is invited to submit a letter. It can cover any topic relating to the Order of the Arrow.

Address all correspondence to:
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The members of our news committee hope you find this issue enjoyable and informative.

John Vincent
Editor

The Chief's Wigwag

I would like to congratulate the lodge on the fine job it has done in the past year. Through the endeavors of all the brothers we have maintained our standing of being one of the best lodges, not only in the area, but in the country. While attending the 48th National Conference, I was reassured of what a fine lodge we do have. After seeing how Wagion Lodge compares to the others, I hope that everyone will be as proud of our lodge as I am.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to all the committee chairmen and members for the excellent job they have done thus far; and I feel that they shall continue to function as well in the new year.

I hope that all the brothers

will remember that "sheerful service" is our main principle and this should be the basis not only in the work we do at camp, but in our local units.

In conclusion, I hope our lodge will surpass in 1964 the fine record set in 1963.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Tim Fry
Lodge Chief

Executive Board News

1. Our executive board has approved a new O.A. slide. The slide has large red plastic letters "O.A." with a small red plastic arrow passing through them.

Price will be fifty cents (\$50)

Look for it at the April meeting at Camp Conestoga.

2. The Pledge Fund has collected \$308.50 from 283 members.

3. The following are the tentative dates of lodge events:

April 17-18-19-Camp Service
June 12- 13-14 Camp Service
August 15-16 Fellowship
4. Officers will be elected at the June meeting.

Our lodge contributed 6000 hours of work in 1963. This is a figure of which we can be proud. But it means only 12 per brother. Lets make 1964 even better

The arrow sash is an indication of the honor of being a member of the order. Wear it only to Arrow functions, but wear it proudly every chance you get.

18th National Conference of the
Order of the Arrow held at the
University of Illinois

Tuesday, August 20, 1963, marked the opening of one of the finest conferences ever. As it began with registration at the mushroom shaped assembly hall, many old acquaintances were revived and many new ones were formed.

The evening program started in the darkened assembly hall with every member --about 3500--holding a lighted candle in the spirit of brotherhood. Following the opening ceremony, the greetings of state and university officials, and the instillation of Bob Elisperman as our National Conference Chief, we listened intently to the keynote address which was delivered by Frank Bush, Arrowman, Eagle Scout, Honor student, and Chairman of the First National Explorer Delegate Conference. He urged all to "live our lives cheerfully with brotherhood in service and, above all, with honor and personal dignity," while emphasizing the conference theme--Catch the higher vision.

The bulk of the conference consisted of such activities as the O.A. Olympics, where everyone had a chance to participate in any form of fourteen different sports; Indian pageant, a variety of Indian dances and customs, the campcraft fair which consisted of displays and demonstrations of everything from cooked alligator tail to beadwork; a quarter mile of exhibits on Indian Lore, Scouting's history, the armed forces, and so on; and a variety show where we were entertained by Arrowmen and the lovely Judith Schlieper, Miss Illinois.

Probably one of the most valuable portions of the conference was the discussion groups and workshops where everyone exchanged ideas and worked with theories on everything from the Ordeal to Alpha Phi Omega.

And Friday the Conference came to a close with the presentation of thirteen Distinguished Service Awards, one of which was awarded to our own Dwayne Welling; the resolutions of the Conference; and the challenge by Dr. E. Urner Goodman, co-founder of the Order of the Arrow. To close I would like to quote J. A. Brunton Jr., as he said, "It is yours to transmit the thrill of the outdoors and the zest of fitness, looking to strengthening America

and the fulfillment of Scoutings high purpose." This, I feel, is a great challenge to catch the higher vision, a challenge for every Arrowman.

Ed Lewis
Reporter

A.P.O.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity composed of college men who have been associated with the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of the fraternity is to assemble young men in service to others.

Service is rendered to the student body and faculty, to the community and to the nation.

There are chapters of A.P.O. at most major colleges.

Students who have previous Scout training and meet the academic requirements are eligible for membership.

Professional Scouting

Today there are over 3,700 men devoting full time as Scout executive. Each year 400 more men will be needed.

Professional Scouting offers an exciting career with community prestige.

The basic requirements are:

1. A college degree
2. Good character
3. A desire to be of service to others.

If you are interested in this type of career, you can get full details from our Council Executive.

History of our Lodge

Wagion Lodge one of the oldest in the country was founded in 1916. Being early to ask for a charter we were given the number 6.

The first twenty years of our lodge were rocky, but with the forming of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council in 1937 we gradually grew into a top lodge.

In Camp Wesco on October 30, 1943 the Brotherhood team from Anicas Lodge inducted none of our members into the Brotherhood.

The name "Wagion" was derived from the Conestoga wagon which was so prevalent in Western Pennsylvania.

Our totem, the thunderbird, is the sign of good luck.

Wagion Lodge presently has a membership of 472 boys and adults. Of this number 36 have attained the Vigil Honor.

Plan now to attend the Area Meeting. It will be held at Camp Semiconon near Pittsburgh. The meeting will last three days. Host will be Kuwewanik Lodge. Price (\$6.00)

The Order of the Arrow today has a total membership of 150,000 men and boys. There are presently 534 lodges chartered by the national council.

The next National Conference will be held at the University of Illinois in the late summer of 1965.

4000 delegates are expected to attend.

An Award for a true Leader

During the 48th National Conference one of our most outstanding members received the highest award the Order of the Arrow can bestow.

Dwayne Welling was presented with the Award for Distinguished Service by the National Council.

Dwayne who was lodge advisor for six years is presently advisor for Area 3-F.

He numbers among his many other awards the Vigil Honor and the Silver Beaver, the Silver Beaver being the highest scouting leaders award given by the local council.

Our entire lodge is proud of Brother Welling and happy to have such a fine member.

The purpose of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow is dedicated to four goals:

1. To recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Laws in their daily lives and, by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in a manner to warrant recognition.
2. To develop and maintain camping tradition and spirit.
3. To promote Scout camping, which reaches its peak as a part of the units camping program.
4. To crystalize the scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in unselfish service to others.

If you have any ideas on how to improve our lodge, tell one of the officers. All suggestions will be appreciated.

Eight Brothers Attain Vigil Honor

In 1963, eight of our finest brothers attained the highest goal of the Order of the Arrow. These eight Arrowmen forgot their own interests in serving their fellow men. It is for these reasons that they were granted the Vigil Honor.

The following brothers were taken into the Honor: Chief Tom Fry who has served as treasurer, Vice Chief John Vincent who has served as Ceremonial Committee Chairman, Don McCombs who served on several sub-committees, and Charles Beamariage, Sr. Membership Committee Advisor; all were taken into the Order in 1959 and earned their Brotherhood in 1960. Robert Bault and Allan Rocca both entered the Order in 1957 and earned their Brotherhood membership in 1958. Joe Stefko, Sr. received Ordeal membership in 1958 and Brotherhood in 1959. Our Professional Advisor, George Fear, also received the Vigil Honor.

Our lodge can be proud that it has men and boys who build, serve and achieve which are the goals of the Order of the Arrow. Let us all take this prayer of Meteu and then live up to its meaning as did the members of the Vigil:

We who bear the Obligation
Of the Order of the Arrow
Mindful of our high traditions
Ponder that which is our purpose,
Pledge ourselves to cheerful service,
We with hearts and wills united
Pledge to serve his holy purpose.

Do you have ideas on how to improve our lodge? Why not jot it down and give it to one of our officers? Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Remember "He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue to serve his fellow mortals."

Profiling Our Members

Chief Tom Fry

Our present Lodge Chief, Tom Fry is a member of Post 373. In his Post Tom held many offices including, Post President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Vice Chairman of the district cabinet.

Brother Fry is a member of the Ligonier Methodist Church. He has been active in many church activities including the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

His highschool activities included the Key Club, and the Letterman's Club.

One of the highlights of his Scouting career was attending the National Jamboree in 1960.

Tom is an Eagle Scout and holds The God and Country Award.

He is presently a Freshman at Washington and Jefferson College.

I am sure the members of the lodge will agree with Tom's Post Advisor when he said of him, "He is a truly outstanding boy and a credit to his Church, School, City and Family."

Lodge Advisor Bill Peters

Bill Peters our lodge advisor has a long and distinguished career as an Arrowman.

As a boy member of the lodge he held the office of Secretary-Treasurer. In more recent years he has been Advisor of the Ceremonials Committee.

Bill has attended numerous area and national conferences, the most recent being the 48th National Conference at the University of Illinois.

He is presently employed as Administrator of Monsour Hospital.

Thoughts to Ponder

The Law of Life

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
That stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease
The stronger wind, the tougher trees
The farther sky, the greater length
The more the storm, the more the
strength
By sun and cold, by rain and snow
In tree or man good timber grows.

I expect to pass this way but
once. If therefore, there be any
kindness I can do to any fellow
being, let me do it now and not
defer or neglect it, as I shall
not pass this way again.

William Penn

Let it be remembered that the
Order of the Arrow was created
to help the Unit--- to help it set
before its membership a better
idea of the inner qualities of
a good scout camper.

Dr. E. Urner Goodman

Dick Schriver, one of our
members in the service, had
one comment when he completed
basic training, "HELP#."

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