

January 1965

Westmoreland-Fayette Council
Boy Scouts of AmericaOrder of the Arrow
Wagon Lodge #6BANQUET ANNOUNCEMENT

The time is drawing near for the annual Order of the Arrow Banquet. All of the plans have been made and the details are now ready for presentation.

Date Saturday, Feb. 20, 1965

Place..... Lakeview Lounge
(Midway between Greensburg and Jeannette on U. S. Route 30 -- Next to Mountain Valley Lake)

Time..... 6:29 P.M.

Menu..... Roast Beef with all of the trimmings

Price..... \$2.50 per member

All Arrowmen planning to attend the banquet are asked to send their \$2.50 with the slip at the bottom of the page to the Boy Scout Office, 331 S. Main St., Greensburg no later than February 10th.

REQUEST CHANGE IN LODGE BY-LAWS

A change in the by-laws of our local Lodge has been presented to the Executive Committee. In keeping with our by-laws, this change must be announced to the membership at least twice before being acted upon. This is the first announcement and a second will be made prior to the time for our banquet. In this way, we will be able to vote on the change during the business meeting held on the evening of the banquet.

The suggested change is as follows..."Increase the price charged to Ordeal Candidates from \$4.00 to \$5.00. The \$1.00 additional will cover the furnishing of a copy of the OA Handbook and two pocket patches (flap) to each new member. Under this change by paying \$5.00, each candidate will receive his ordeal sash, food for the weekend at camp, dues for the coming year, his copy of the OA Handbook, a copy of the Lodge By-Laws, and the two pocket patches."

Wagon Lodge #6 Boy Scouts of America 331 S. Main St., Greensburg, Pa. 15601

ORDER OF THE ARROW
BANQUET COMMITTEE:

Here is my \$2.50 for a ticket for the Annual Order of the Arrow Banquet being held at Lakeview Lounge, U.S. Route 30 (Between Greensburg and Jeannette) on the evening of February 20, 1965 at 6:29 P.M.

Signed _____
Address _____

THE CHIEF'S WIGWAM

My Brothers:

Sometime ago, I heard a statement which somewhat disturbed me. It went something like this: "You know, I come to the Arrow Weekends and put in my six hours, yet I have nothing to do. I feel somewhat useless." My first thought was a question as to why he didn't have anything to do. Laud be unto the individual who does not wait to be asked but rather steps forward and volunteers his services to a committee. Have all of you done this?

But then, after some reflection, I realized that our membership might be so large that there would not be enough committee positions to go around. And thus, I liken this situation to an arch. The most important part of an arch is the keystone. The most important part of the Lodge is the guiding group of committees. Yet that keystone would be nothing if it did not have other stones to rest upon and so it is with the Lodge. The functioning committees would be nothing if we had no one to rest upon. So you might conclude that one is just as important as the other. Laud be unto the individual who realizes this and continues even more eagerly in the spirit of cheerful service. When I was installed, I shared a poem with you. It went something like this:

"Committees of twenty deliberate plenty
Committees of ten meet now and then.
But the most work is done by committees
of one."

Make yourself a committee of one dedicated to the ideals of cheerful service no matter how menial a task may seem!

In all sincerity, with the spirit of cheerfulness and in the fellowship of Brotherhood, I remain

Scoutingly yours,

Ed Lewis
Netami Sakima

Do you have anything you would like to see published in a future issue of the T-Bird Times? Send it to.....:

William Yenperell:
Grandview Heights
Jeannette, Pa. 15644

REPORT FROM FALL MEETING

The first meeting of the new year for Wagon Lodge #6 was held on the weekend of October 17-18, 1964 at Camp Conestoga. While designated mainly as a Service Weekend, it was also scheduled for the Ordeal Ceremony.

Taking their Ordeal on this particular weekend were 109 new Members. Approximately 180 other brothers joined with them in performing the cheerful service needed around the camp.

Adding up the figures turned in on all of the work cards showed a total of approximately 1722 hours in service time.

Additional work was carried out on the OA Building, further attempts were made to remove the large stump from the seat area of the Arrow Circle, general repairs were made on the Arrow Circle Altar, and other general maintenance was performed throughout the camp area.

JUST A REMINDER

"Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan" Does that sound familiar? It should, since it is the opening line of the official song of our order. Unfortunately many of us do not remember or have not taken the time to learn the words for the entire song. This becomes so apparent when we close our meetings.

New boys and leaders, attending their first Lodge meeting, can't be expected to sing a song they have never seen or heard before. But the older brothers should be able to set an example and make the Arrow Circle ring with their voices.

Let's make it a point to learn the words before our next gathering. You can find both the words and music on the inside cover of the Wagon Lodge Manual as well as on page 122 of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

ORDER OF THE ARROW MARKS ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

There is big news this year for all brothers of the Order of the Arrow! This is our Golden Anniversary year. Fifty years of cheerful service in the camping brotherhood.

The 50th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow in 1965 affords a splendid opportunity to focus the attention of the Order and entire Boy Scout Movement on the main purposes and ideals of the Order of the Arrow and to recognize the important services that the Order provides.

Each Arrowman is urged to participate as an individual. Each lodge can take part and earn suitable recognition. Area fellowship training conferences will place special emphasis on our 50th Anniversary program of service. The 50th Anniversary National Conference to be held August 27-31 at Indiana University will culminate the celebration.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

A 50th Anniversary Award, in the form of a special emblem to be worn on the Order of the Arrow sash, will be provided for each Arrowman who fulfills the requirements listed below during 1965 and has his work certified by his unit leader, and approved by his lodge advisor. This award is limited to members under 21 years of age.

Requirements

To qualify for this emblem, Arrowmen must meet the following requirements:

1. Maintain active interest in your own unit and in the Order of the Arrow; be properly registered with your unit and have your Order of the Arrow dues paid.
2. Attend at least one long-term camp or superactivity with your unit (six days and nights for Boy Scouts; five days and nights for Explorers.)
3. Participate in at least one Council approved Order of the Arrow service project and give six or more hours of cheerful service.
4. Advance one rank in Scouting, i.e., First Class to Star, Star to Life, Life to Eagle, Eagle to one Eagle Palm.

Requirements (cont.).....

Explorers participate in the unit's speciality or activity program. Explorers may, if they wish, earn five or more merit badges.

5. Recruit, train, and follow through to see that one new boy becomes a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or an Explorer. (This requirement must be certified by the new boy's unit leader.)

Individual scorecards will be provided. The deadline for reporting and applying for the award is November 1, 1965.

LODGE RECOGNITION

Each Lodge that accomplishes certain requirements during the coming year will be presented with a 50th Anniversary plaque. These requirements covering the performance of certain service and conservation projects will be outlined in the next issue of the T-Bird Times.

Needless to say, the requirements, as they are now laid down will be within the reach of our Lodge and its membership.

PUBLICITY FOR THE ORDER

A feature of this anniversary year will be that the Order of the Arrow will be getting more publicity than it has ever received in its history.

A special report on the Order will be presented to President Johnson during the ceremonies marking Boy Scout Week.

Both Boys' Life and Scouting magazines will be carrying feature stories about Arrowmen and efforts are being carried out to secure recognition in other national magazines, as well as on radio and TV.

Your actions can also help publicize the Order. Remember...it is not so much what you have done that made you an Arrowman, but for what you are expected to do. Only then can we really know the thrill and satisfaction that comes being of cheerful service to our fellowmen.

50 YEARS OF SERVICE
1915 to 1965

A WORD FROM AN OA BROTHER

"During the past few meetings, I have noticed a lack of respect for our ceremonies. Such actions as lighting of fires in the audience, loud talking, excessive chatter and smoking have not only detracted from the solemnity of the ceremony, but have indicated that there are members who are not worthy to be called brothers.

A true brother in Wagon Lodge respects the rituals which seal one's membership in the Order of the Arrow.

The ignorance on the part of certain "brothers" toward observing the traditions of the Order violates the obligations which they took upon themselves as Ordeal Members. This obligation, as we all know, is reaffirmed at each meeting to keep us ever mindful of it. Apparently, some of our members are not seriously concerned about the ideas it sets forth. Their actions in the ceremonies should not be permitted to continue. If talking and laughter continues during future ceremonies, I suggest, for the benefit of those of us who wish to have an admirable ceremony, that the Lodge establish a policing system. In this system, two brothers, dressed in Indian costumes, would ask persons who cannot discipline themselves to leave the Arrow Circle.

The sooner everyone realizes that the ceremonies are a significant and valuable part of the Order of the Arrow, the better we can all appreciate them more."

Yours in Brotherhood,

John Sterba
Forbes District

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR
WAGON LODGE #6

Arrow Banquet	Feb. 20, 1965
Ordeal & Service Outing	April 23-25
Ordeal, Brotherhood & Service Outing	June 11-13
All Ceremonies & Fellowship Mtg..	Aug. 14-15
Area Meeting	Aug. 20-21
National Confer.	Aug. 27-31

If any of these dates are changed, sufficient notice will be given beforehand.

PHILMONT

There is still an opportunity for brothers to register for Philmont.

Even though over 90 registrations have been received, we still have space in two expeditions.

A \$10.00 registration fee sent to the Council Office will reserve space for you.

Total cost is approx. \$165.00 that can be paid in installments.

SOME GENTLE NUDGES! !

Have you paid your OA dues for this year? Dec. 31, 1964 was the deadline. If you haven't paid as yet, your name is being placed in the inactive file. Remember ... It will cost you an extra dollar to get your name back on the active side of the ledger.

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