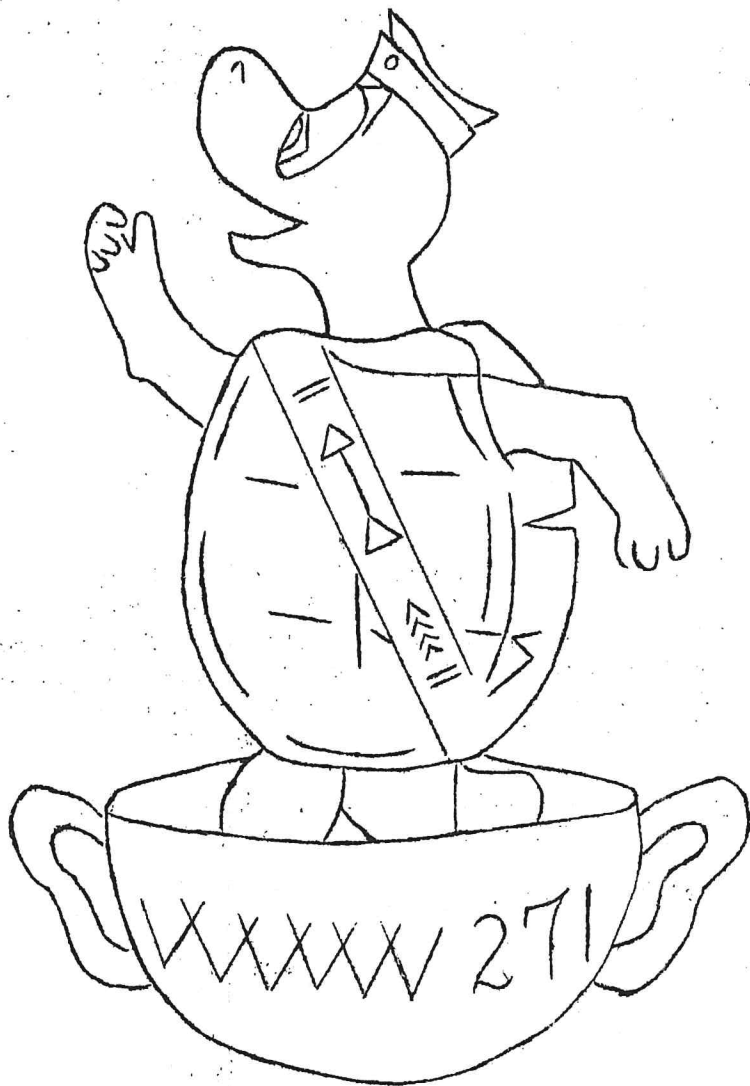


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Brothers:

One level of the Order of the Arrow which is often ignored is the District level. Actually, the District is the basis of our Lodge. It is through the Districts that the OA directly effects Scouting most. Many of the Districts are very active (see the District Reports). But both the active and inactive Districts have the same complaint---lack of interest among the scouts. This is a crime! The District is the perfect place for you recently inducted members to get active in the OA. If you do get active in the District, I can guarantee you that you'll soon find yourself more active in your troop, your Chapter, and your Lodge. As a new OA member a year ago, my interest in the whole Scouting movement was waning rapidly. When my district organized under Clyde Clyatt, and I became active in the District however, all that changed. Today, I feel going to that first District meeting was one of the luckiest things I've ever done. So I'm urging you to do the same! If you're in an active district, go to the next district meeting and get into the swing of things! If your district is not active, write your district advisor, NOW!! (his address is on the page containing the Executive Board). Tell him you're interested and want to help get the district moving. He'll be more than happy to help.

As for this issue, every article was in, on or before the deadline. The articles were better written and said more than ever before. We have added three new members to the staff -- Dave Chessey, Lodge Secretary-Treasurer; Mike Galarneau, Abnaki District Reporter; and Quintus X Turtle, Lodge Snoop. With people such as this, along with "old-timers" Roydie Leighton, Bruce Fleming, Ronnie Cross, Ray Ganthner, and Lorne Ellis, the Turtle Soup will continue to improve. Things are far from perfect, however. We still haven't heard from five districts. Remember, if anyone from any of these districts wants to write, just let me know. This will be the last issue until next fall when we return to school with joy(?). Have a good summer.

James Tierney
Lodge News Editor

FROM THE DESK OF THE LODGE CHIEF

Dear Brothers:

As I look ahead at the following months I see where we will be very busy. As you know both Camp Hinds and Bomazeen have a very full summer for the Order of The Arrow. At both camps there will be Ordeals and Brotherhood tests all during the summer months.

As you know, we had an OA Camporee and from what I hear everyone there enjoyed themselves. Coming up in June is the Area 1 OA conference at Treasure Valley Camp, Massachusetts. We are sending twenty Order of the Arrow members from our Lodge to it. I hope to see many new members in the OA this summer, and many new Brotherhood members. There are work week-ends coming up and would like to see everybody at the Camps to help get things ready for the opening of camp.

I hope to see everyone this summer at Camp. When you come to camp this year, please bring an Indian costume with you so you can help in the ceremonies.

Have a nice and healthy summer.

Yours in Brotherhood

Roydie Leighton
Lodge Chief

"DON'T QUIT"

(Excerpt from a poem by an unknown Author. Reprinted from Totem Talks, the Area 1-A Order of the Arrow Bulletin)

When things go wrong, as they
sometimes will
When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the
debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you
have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down
a bit --
Rest if you must,
but don't quit.

Success is failure turned inside
out --
The silver tint of the clouds
of doubt,
And you never can tell how close
you are,
It may be near when it seems
afar;
So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit, --
It's when things seem worst that
you musn't quit.

LODGE SECRETARY REPORTS

I am taking this opportunity to answer many of the questions that have been asked me since I became Lodge Secretary-Treasurer.

OA Sashes shall be worn only at OA functions and naturally by OA members. The Madockawanda Lodge pocket flap should be only on the pocket of those in the Madockawanda Lodge.

According to the new May 3, 1964 revision in our constitution the OA neckerchief may be worn at any Scout function. It used to be allowed only at OA functions like the work-weekend, Lodge meetings, tapouts, Chapter meetings, OA conferences, Brotherhood ceremonies, District meetings, camporees, executive meetings or the like.

A member becomes inactive when he is a full year behind in his dues (or more than one year, of course). One loses one's addressograph card at the office after two years of unpaid dues. Regardless of the number of years of back dues are lacking, one may become active again by paying one year back dues and current dues-- or only \$3.00.

We strongly urge all members to keep the Madockawanda Lodge articles in the possession of only our members. We place the most concern on the Scouts not members of the order for you certainly wouldn't want a Scout wearing an OA emblem if he were not a member.

Dave Chessey
Lodge Secretary-Treasurer

BCMAZEEN CHAPTER

Well, the summer months are upon us and with them come many OA activities. The first is the workweekend June 12, 13, 14. I hope all of you Bomazeen men will be at camp then so we can get the season off the ground in fine style.

As you know, there will be four Ordeal and three Brotherhood ceremonies during the summer. Each one will take a lot of work and cooperation. If at all possible, bring an Indian costume with you when you come to camp so you can help us out. I also hope to see all of you Ordeal members attain Brotherhood before the summer is over.

See you at the work-weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood
Ronnie Cross
Bomazeen Chapter Chief

THE SNOOPER REPORTS

Since this is my first appearance in the Turtle Soup, I feel I should have a word of introduction. My name is Quintus X. Turtle, (the X stands for George) and I have been recently appointed Lodge Snooper by the Editor of this paper. Taking this duty seriously, I've been "snooping" around ever since the last issue came out, and will continue to do so. Watch what you do from now on! You never know when you might end up in the next issue of the Turtle Soup.

The fruits of my labor have yielded many surprises. At the OA Camporee, many of us were surprised to see Dirk Van Hook "put the shot" farther than Guy Soucier. College life must do that to you Bruce Fleming should have known better than lie down on the ground during Down East's skit at the Saturday night campfire later on that night, at the Executive meeting, Madockawanda Lodge's first Prom committee chairman was appointed Sunday morning before Church, some of us spotted Bruce stumbling off into the woods. Reinforcements came in the nick of time so that we could keep an eye on him to make sure he didn't get lost.... We all have our fingers crossed for the Abnaki Dance Team when they go to the Conference. Best of luck !.... Word has just come to my ears that the intrepid Hinds Chapter Chief won't be able to attend the workweekend. Let us bow our head in silence Farewell for now.

Quintus X. Turtle
Lodge Snooper

ANTICS AT ACTON -- THE OA CAMPOREE

The OA Camporee was held at Acton, Maine, May 1, 2, and 3. The turnout was extremely disappointing. Only forty OA members made it down, whereas sixty attended last year. Undoubtedly the site was one of the main reasons for this. The one Bomazeen man who made it travelled 130 miles. Nonetheless, this was the site we voted on at the Lodge meeting last fall. The absence of officers was especially disappointing. Until Saturday afternoon, Ray Ganthner Hinds Secretary-Treasurer, and myself were the only Scout Executive Board members present. Dave Chessey was the only elected Lodge Official there at any time during the weekend. No Bomazeen officer made the trip. With elections coming up for both chapters at the workweekends I strongly urge the voting members of the Lodge to remember these facts.

For those who attended, however, nothing but good clean FUN prevailed. The "Guy Saucier Special" Olympic Games were a complete success. The rollicking campfire Saturday night was great. The weather was perfect, and everyone took advantage of it. A few of the Scouts spent their spare time catching crayfish (according to Clyde Clyatt, that's a northern crawdad). In general, a great time was had by all.

JAMES TIERNEY

HINDS CHAPTER

As all you faithful Hinds Chapter members know, we will hold our spring work-weekend for Camp Hinds on June 12, 13, and 14. There's a lot to be said about this weekend and the important elections of officers to take place at our Chapter meeting on the 14th and since this'll probably be the last chance for me to write to you 'til September, I am going to say a lot.

I almost can't blame some people for getting the impression that the OA is a big bunch of "show-offs". They see us wearing our big sashes, patches and neckerchiefs, putting on fantastic tap-out ceremonies, slave-driving our "poor" candidates and they begin to say, "I thought it was Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service"? They may ignore all the behind-the-scenes impetus the order can and does give to Scouting year in and year out. They may forget all the thousand and one projects and helping hands the OA gives in the Council every year.

So what about the work-weekend, what do they say to that? There's nothing they can say. The work that the Order has done for both camps is truly unbelievable. It serves as a fine and ever-growing tribute to what the OA can do for Scouting. You name it, we've done it. We're all very proud of what we have done and what we will do. In my opinion, our work-weekends are the events of the year, where Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and Service get together in full force. And it's so easy to become part of this tradition, just be there and pitch in!

Now what about officers? First of all why are they always on the Camp Staffs? This is for good reasons. During the eight weeks of Camp there are four Ordeals, three Brotherhood, and one Vigil. The officers have to be there. Besides being there they must spend days arranging these ceremonies at camp. They must be in constant contact with the adult and boy staff and with each new week's OA members and campers. I think you can see that anyone out of camp wouldn't stand a chance of fulfilling his responsibilities.

That last word, "responsibilities", is a vital one. An office is not a sign of glory but of responsibility. The Chapter Chief has to plan banquets, work-weekends, service projects, fun week-ends, run meetings, write innumerable letters and articles, attend executive committee meetings, conduct ceremonies and campfires, watch everything and everybody who has to do with the Chapter, etc. etc. etc. He is your representative and thus he should be the best. The Vice-Chief has the tremendous responsibility of being directly in charge of the whole OA summer program, induction ceremonies, get-togethers, planning organizing, ad infinitum. The Secretary-Treasurer must be able to keep the records as perfect as possible, to keep up with all new Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members, to inventory, order, sell, and keep records on all supplies, to reply to countless letters and questions on dues, prices, and membership standing.

I'm not tooting my own horn or anybody else's but just giving you the plain hard facts. This is what the officers do for you and believe me, we enjoy it. You owe it to yourselves to see that the best are nominated and elected. And you owe it to your officers to give them your support.

Thanks for everything! Have a great summer!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Bruce M. J. Fleming
Hinds Chapter Chief

ABNAKI DISTRICT

CASCO BAY

We, at Abnaki District, are eagerly awaiting June the 12th, when we will be attending the Area A-1 Conference. It is our privilege to represent our Lodge again for the second consecutive year in dance Competition. We have been having District meetings quite regularly for this coming event.

The following will perform our group dance, The Oleo; Richard Files, Emile Bourgoin, Owen Larrabee, and George Morency. Our solioist will be Michael Galarneau with George Grant and Peter Saucier doing the drumming.

We have also been planning the O.A. Tap Out Ceremony to be held at the Abnaki District Camporee.

We have been holding many elections in the local Troops.

This has been a slow year for Abnaki. Attendance has been considerably low. Nevertheless, Abnaki looks forward to a more prosperous year in 64-65.

Mike Galarneau

The District was represented at the Lodge Camporee by a nine man dance team plus our faithful leader Uncle Bill Rodgers. We were all sorry we had to lose the competition but we all agreed it was a quick way to get a sunburn and a couple of us really proved this to be true.

We held our May District meeting at the Camporee. We discussed further plans for the team and decided that a lot more practice is in order. The team was asked to perform the same dance (Apatchie Scaly Dance) at the District Camporee, May 22-24.

The four election teams have been kept fairly busy this month. Our only wish is that these new members will show a little interest and try to stumble to our District meetings.

Our sincere congratulations to the Abnaki Dance Team and the best of luck at the OA Conference.

Loren Ellis

DOWN EAST

The Down East District had a very successful spring season.

One of the many projects our District undertook was the training of the Senior Girl Scouts and Leaders on board the Brunswick Naval Air Station. This training program was of great help to them in preparing themselves for their summer camping programs. I suggest other Districts take up this very worthy project because it gives instruction experience to the OA members and is of extreme value to the Girl Scouts.

Another achievement of our District was it's participation in the Lodge Camporee, On May 1, 2, 3. We feel that we were well represented with 9 persons attending, considering that we had to travel a very long way.

At our District Camporeewe held a tapout ceremony for our District. It featured Indian dancing, which went over very big with the crowd. Those who we of our District owe much to the success of this ceremony are: Jim Tierney, Ray Ganthner, Warren Gonzales, Scott Orr, Jim Barron, Romeo Belanger, Dick Nichols, Bob Nichols, and Mr. Clyde Clyatt.

At this time I would like to thank personally all those members who contributed to our successful spring season and I hope that all of you will keep up the good work.

District Reporter
Ray Ganthner

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