AJAPEU

LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



Buccou Camps Home of the Ajapeu Lodge

Bucks County Council
Boy Scouts of America

Booklet Dedicated To "Oncle Bill" Livermore

> Scout Txecutibe Bucks County Council 1927 - 1938

A nefer tiring, constantly on the job, fellow Scouter; known to and held in great affection by all the boys in Scouting; and holding the admiration and affection of all by follow his friendship is balued.

"O MY FATHER, I AM READY SEND ME ON THIS GRACIOUS ERRAND"

Uncas, son of Chingaghook, thus announced to his tribe, the Delawares, that he was ready to go forth and help his people, even at the risk of his own life. You too, in a different manner have served these about you, and because of this they have seen fit to elect to membership in the Arrow, which in the language of the Lenni Lenapi Indians, is termed Wimachtendienk W. W.

As a member of the Order you will want to know something of its aims, policies, and history. In this booklet you will find these, and will learn of our Lodge activities. We suggest that you save the guide for future reference.

HISTORY - - - Our legend begins:

"Years ago, in the dim ages, In the valley of the Delawares"

and carries on to tell the story of banding togeather of the Lenni Lenapi to perpetuate and to carry on the tradition of service they had begun to save their own tribe from extinction.

The Directors of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Scout camp, of our Neighboring Council, sought for some means of recognizing the Scouts who stood out in their exemplication

of the Scout Oath and Law, and in the old legend they found the answer to their needs. In 1915, in that same Delaware Valley, because they were "unselfish in service to others", a selected group of Scouts were banded together in a re-birth of the organization Chingaghook had founded so many years before. Thus, we who are members of the Order, are the present day link in "a great and mystic Order."



The Order has so fully carried out it's purpose that more than One Hundred & Five councils all over the country have Lodges. They have grown out of the advertising their own good work has produced; no one has gone around promoting the organization of the Lodges. The words of Uncas have spread from the mother Lodge, Unami, in Philadelphia, thruout the East - migrated to the Middle West - and then into the North, the Southwest, and West. Today they range from California to the Atlantic and from Texas to Minnesota. Lodges are the most dense in Pennsylvania and New York.

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER - - . The Purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to further those principles of Scouting that you have followed in your own life causing your fellow camper to select you for membership in our mystic circle. As stated in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the National Lodge the purpose of the Order is:

- (1) To recognize those campers (Scouts or Scouters) who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Caw in their daily lives -- and doing this, cause others to so conduct their cwn lives as to warrant recognition in a similar manner.
 - (2) To develope and maintain the traditions and spirit of the camp.
 - (3) To promote Scout Camping.
- (4) To build the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in unselfish service to others. May we emphasize the forth of the above points - "Leadership in service, cheerful as well as unselfish". On this point is based the whole program of our Order.

AJAPEU LODGE

Our lodge, in Bucks County Council, takes its name from the Indian name Ajapeu meaning "Bucks".

LODGE ACTIVITIES - - During the entire year the Lodge conducts a series of Activities designed chiefly to give you an opportunity to meet your brother members - - and with them participate in a program of fun and good fellowship. In addition, special activities are arranged from time to time, having as their objective some phase of service.

The Lodge meets Annually usually the Second Saturday and Sunday of October at Camp Buccou. Regular and special business is conducted here, and a period of fellowship is included.

At times, special activities in the nature of radio broadcasts, skating parties, hikes, etc., are held. These are announced by the Activities Committee.

The Annual Meeting of the Lodge is held early in October. This is a big event which most of the active members attend. It is a week-end of real fun, renewed acquaintances good fellowship and entertainment. The various Committee Reports are presented, and Lodge Officers for the following year are elected. It is a meeting which you can't afford to miss.

THE HISTORY OF OUR AJAPEU LODGE --- In 1928,

because of the cheerful service exhibited by a group of Scouts during Summer Camp at Buccou, Scout Executive Wm. F. Livermore arranged to have the Degree Team from George Washington Council, of Trenton area initiate into The "First or odeal Honor", this group of Scouts:

The time was set on a week-end which followed the Camp season; of this group were chosen responsible Scouts, who headed the Lodge as officers for the following years of its infancy. Each year adding nearly fifty new members to the Ordeal Honor rolls. Incentive grew until Second Degree members were born. Then our first one to receive third or Vigil honor was our Scout Executive Wm. F. Livermore Ir.

Each season initiation of the Ordeal Honor Degree was in charge of a responsible person -- for the first three or four years in charge of Walter Ruthford a five year Camp Staff member.

Finally, experience proved that the Lodge leadership should be made up more of mature men. This plan was carried out in 1934.

In 1931 an idea was hit upon, which, has up to the present, not been realized --- our Lodge House at Camp Buccou.

During 1936 and 1937, Sakima William Carlin, Jr. along with Howard Boehret, organized throughout the Council, District Chapters, with a Vice-Chief in charge of each Chapter, a Secretary and a Vice-Treasure. Under this plan, District parties were held. At present the Chapter system is not active.

In 1938 Degree teams from the Council visited Buccou Camps on the initiation nights to officiate at the weekly Ordeal Honor iniation, this plan still being in use.

During the 1937 Camp season, Sakmia Bill Carlin, visited Camp each Sunday evening to give the "Legend of the Delawares" to the Scouts who were assembled at "Inspiration Point". It was at this Ceremony that Scouts received their inspirations and developed incentive to become something worthwhile in Scouting. This visitation is practiced by the present

Sakima and each year we hope that many more Brothers of the Order of the Arrow will be inspired to greater service in Scouting, especially since each of us has that very one thing in common, besides Scouting, the Ordeal Initiations. We therefore understand what the pledge of Secrecy and Service is to every Brother. Loyalty, Devotion and Fellowship are the highlights of our Lodge law. We are loyal and devoted because we want to be, that we may better help that Scout who watches our every move while we are at Camp.

At our Final Ceremonial Campfire of the 1938 season, the Lodge presented to our retiring Scout Executive, "Uncle Bill" Livermore, as a token of our friendship and appreciation of what he did and meant to us in the Lodge, and as the advisor and Supreme Chief of our Lodge, a beautiful and tangible Scout Statuette, engraved appropriately, which we hope will exemplify to him, the real Bucks County Scout.

In 1938, the work week-end during the month of April was begun. The Lodge does a fine job of reconstruction and improvement for the happiness and enjoyment of every Scout or Scouter who comes to Camp.



LODGE INSIGNIA AND HONORS - - - The insignis of our Ajapeu Lodge is a Buck. It may readily be seen that this would be the proper symbol for our Bucks County Council. The insignia of the Ordeal Honor is the silver arrow, worn with civilian or scout clothes, facing over the right shoulder; for the Bortherhood Honor, a gold arrow with a buck, - - arrow facing over the left shoulder; Vigil Honor is identical with Brotherhood Honor with a triangle on the buck, being worn in the same fashion.

A pocket emblem for the Scout uniform has been developed for our our Lodge Members. This emblem will cover the right pocket flap and will be a brown buck and arrow in the background, on buff colored felt. These emblems will be obtainable during the coming 1939 Camp season.

For Scout or Scouter uniform, our National insignia is the Red Arrow on white felt.

Ordeal Honor sash being worn over the right shoulder; Brotherhood Honor sash over the left shoulder. The Vigil Honor Arrow has a Triangle of three small arrows imposed upon the large

Red Arrow, worn over the left shoulder. Any of these insignia may be secured from your Lodge Treasurer.

Honors ----- Their are three classes of membership which may be conferred on brothers of the Order.

THE ORDEAL HONOR 'Go whic's you have been elected by your fellow campers on the basis of your past record. You will recall that you were received into the Order with the understanding that it was not so much for what you have done as for what you are expected to do.

THE BROTHERHOOD HONOR Is conferred on those members who have evidenced continued active service in their Groop and the Lodge for at least one year, and who have been recommended by a member of the Executive Committee, and approved by the Brotherhood Honor Committee.

THE VIGIL HONOR Is reserved for those brothers who have long and outstandingly served Scouting, the Camps, and the Order to an unusual degree. This honor is conferred by the National Lodge through our Executive Committee.

THE AJAPEU LODGE HOUSE -- During the spring of 1939 a campaign for Funds was launched for the erection of a Lodge House at Camp Buccou. The Lodge House will be built on the lines of a frontier blockhouse, having accommodations for eating, aleeping, and activities of a social nature at Camp. The Lodge House will provide a meeting place and head-quarters for our Ajapeu Lodge at Camp Buccou all year round.

LODGE DUES -- Dues for the year are twenty-five cents. Dues are payable to the Lodge Treasurer at the Annual Meeting at Camp in October or as soon after as possible. Your dues receipt is your active membership card which you should always carry with you.

CONGRATULATIONS -- Our lodge is quite proud of the record of the Chalient Rover Crew when it comes to Order of the Arrow work. Of the present fourteen members of the Crew, ten are active members of our Lodge. Eight of the Crew being Ordeal Honor Members, one a Brotherhood Honor member and one a Vigil honor Member; Bill Carlin having had the vigil honor conferred upon him at the National Lodge Meeting at St. Louis, after the camping season of 1938. The average tenure in Scouting service of the ten members is approximately eight years and two months. This record is one to be achieved by other units in our Council.

"UNCLE Bob" Goeller, Our new Scout Executive, became a member of our Lodge on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, up at Camp Buccou. The Council of which he was formerly a member did not have Order of the Arrow activies so we were more than pleased to be able to induct him into the Order in our Lodge. As our advisor and Supreme Chief we could have no better man.

LODGE HEADQUATERS -- At Camp Buccou for the season of 1939 will be in the basement of the Kiwanis Crafts Lodge. Work on the room will be completed this spring. A floor and lining of the walls is the big job to be done, but this will provide us with an excellent "office" until the completion of our Lodge House.

ORDER OF THE ARROW SONG

Firm, bound in Brotherhood,

Gather the Clan, that Cheerful Service
gives to Fellow man;

Circle our Council Fire,

Weld tightly every link

That binds us in Brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

YEARLY ACTIVIES PROGRAM OF THE AJAPEU LODGE, W. W. W.



Jan. - Advancement preparation.

Feb. - Council Court of Honor.

Mar. - County Council Meeting.

Apr. - Work Week-end at Camp Buccou.

May - Scouting Day Dinner.

June - Camporee Program at Bowman's Hill.

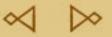
July & Aug. - Ceremonials at Camp Buccou.

Sept. - Doylestown Fair Exhibits.

Oct. - Annual Meeting at Camp Buccou.

Nov. - Initiation of Honor Meeting.

Dec. - Xmas Good Turn and Winter Camping.



YOUR LODGE SASH should be worn at all Order of the Arrow affairs at Camp, and when on Order of the Arrow service. They are worn point upwards, over the right shoulder for Ordeal Honor members, and over the left shoulder for the Brotherhood Honor and Vigil Honor members.

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