

# THE ELK'S ECHO

EL-KU-TA 520



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TO SLEEP OR NOT TO SLEEP

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IS THERE ANY SENSE TO LIVING IN A LEMON

by

kent rappleye

As my term of office nears it's end, I am reminded of a great uncle of mine who died and went to the pearly pathway above. Upon his arrival he greeted St. Peter and after shooting the bull for a few minutes, followed St. Peter into a large room filled with rows upon rows of clocks. My uncle was somewhat perplexed by this timely array of second-hand merchandise and queried St. Peter as to the purpose, if any, of the digitals. With the wisdom traditionally granted him, St. Peter explained that each one of the clocks represented someone's life. Still perplexed, my uncle asked as to why every so often a clock would turn around. St. Peter smiled and replied that every time someone sinned, his personal clock turned around one time. Now fully understanding, my uncle began to browse around watching the clocks of some of his friends, but the clock of his nephew, Kent Rappleye, was missing. St. Peter said "Oh that's in the office, the boss uses it for a fan." If you wonder how I heard this story, just ask the blind man on the corner, for he saw it all. Don't be a fan in your Scoutmasters office. WALK AS ONE CLEAR OF CONSCIENCE, NOT ONE BURDENED BY UNFINISHED TASKS.

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### COMING EVENTS

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AUGUST: 24-26 Area Conference

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### WRITE ON:

The obligation of the Order of the Arrow binds all of us to a pledge of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. The success of our lodge and chapter programs depend greatly on our adherence to this pledge. It has been said that the Order is a thing of the individual. As individuals, each of us must do our part to insure the growth and development of our lodge and chapters.

The lodge officers have pledged to do their part. Are you as Arrowmen ready to do yours?

Gary Osako  
1970 Lodge Chief

"I expect to pass this way but once. If, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing 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

It is not the farthest goal that is hard to reach, because it remains a dream, but it is the goals that are the closest to being fulfilled that give you a run for your money. Always finish what you start, because by reaching goals only half-way you end life as a half-wit.

Kent Rappleye  
1972 Lodge Wit

## THE UNKNOWN SCOUTER

I've seen thousands upon thousands of Scouts pass by me over the years, so I feel I know what I'm talking about. It seems every troop, without fail, comes bursting in like a flash flood and in no time, a nice open area is freckled with small tents and scattered wash towels. There is within this industrious beehive at least one individual who sticks out from the rest. His uniform is maybe faded and only half-fits. He has a dry wisp of hair hanging over his forehead and his eyes have a vacant hollow stare that doesn't ever focus on one particular area for any length of time. He is passed by his "fellow" Scouts with not a word or only a shrug or a forced mumble. What does this young man think? All around him are having fun, shouting, laughing, getting into mischief, but he always watches, is never involved, except when he is the center for a cruel joke, and then, who wants to be involved. Those hollow eyes and big dunlap ears see and hear a great deal. He is able to observe mankind from a unique and highly observant viewpoint, because he must always watch and what he can analyze is a far greater scope than any of his peers. He is usually quite skilled in his Scouting duties, but his skill goes unnoticed because of his different manner. The Order of the Arrow is an organization of brotherhood...supposedly. But I've seen more feelings hurt by inconsiderate O. A. members than any Scout troop. What is the true meaning of brotherhood? Is it close ties, best friends, buddy-buddies? Not quite. It is not essential to be close to all members because opinions and emotions are different and it would be almost impossible. But brotherhood is the binding together for a purpose. United towards a common goal, the O.A. provides a means where a young man may learn to associate with others of different ideas and manners to the extent that full cooperation is achieved and a true spirit of brotherhood develops. I have seen many outstanding Scouts persecuted and taunted by people who are not creative enough to find something else to do with their time. I have stood as sentinel to this camp for over 50 years. I have been hacked, climbed and carved, but my pain is no where near the pain reflected from inside those hollow eyes, when that lonesome individual longing for just one friend is again left behind or made an example of. Turn to your brother and treat him as an equal. The things he cannot do, you should show him, be a teacher, and he will always remember you as a kind and thoughtful person who took time to care. Enjoy camping this summer, but try and help others enjoy it also.

--Charlie, the Lonesome Pine Tree--

## THE NEW MEMBER

The Order of the Arrow is a "Thing of the individual." You were selected by your fellow Scouts in your Troop as an individual who shows knowledge and skill as a camper. Your Ordeal will be a memorable experience for you that will remain with you for the rest of your life. It is an individual accomplishment, something you can be proud of. For twenty-four hours of silent meditation, you worked in service to turn your thoughts inward and examine your inner self. What you learn about yourself from this experience may be an inspiration to work towards a better attitude. The Order of the Arrow is not a secret organization, of shady operation. True, there are things that only members may know, but these things are sacred and are kept from outsiders because they are used in ceremonies...a time when great attention and a will to learn is needed. After your Ordeal and you are accepted in the Order, there is a tendency, partly by fault of chapter officers, for you to go home and there, hang up your sash, never to be worn again. My brothers, may I urge you not to fall into a cocoon of inactivity. You were chosen to be honored as a camper and outstanding Scout, but the Order of the Arrow is not a honor for status. It is an honor of your talent and ability. Should you choose to follow the way of so many, you will be violating a trust placed in you by your fellow Scouts. They elected you because you were the best for the position. If you turn against that you are showing your entire troop that you are an unworthy Scout who doesn't even live up to the first point of the Scout Law..."Trustworthy." The Order of the Arrow can be a great honor, and something to be proud of, only if you magnify yourself by being cheerful in the service and welfare of others. I welcome all of you, my new brothers, and I hope that you will seek to better yourself as a Scout, by following through with the attitude of helping others and prove to your fellow Scouts and to yourself most important of all, that you are worthy of the trust they have placed in you. If you can accept the challenge, tackle it full force, for in serving comes knowledge, and with knowledge comes happiness. Walk proud and conscience free my brothers.

--Theodore, the "Sage" hen--

### SCOUT-O-RAMA---EAST CHAPTER:

It was a great start as the sun rose over our flag and the WHERE TO GO CAMPING display. A great start and we sold one book (our first I might add) to Bud Boulton. Other duties which were placed before us were, the First Aid Booth, where we experienced a slash of the lower knuckle of the first stem of the right hand (that means a cut on the 1st finger on the right hand.) A safety patrol whose only duty was to parade around and check the monkey bridges and fires etc. was also performed. But the booth was our only (BIG) function there.

We sold about 50 books (if you want one call me). We took 2nd place only to South chapter. Well, it was fun any way. To all other chapters, I can only say...good jobs well done are good jobs well done (think about it.)

Jim Olsen  
East Chapter

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### VIGIL HONOR 1972:

The most honorable and sought after position in the Order of the Arrow, the Vigil Honor, was bestowed upon seven Brotherhood members in a ceremony conducted at Church Fork on June 2nd and 3rd. Proving themselves worthy of their candidacy since December 3, when they were called out, these brothers have remained active in their service and devotion to the welfare of others and are now rewarded with this most honored achievement. Braving cloudy skies itching to let loose, these worthy seven kept their vigil throughout the night and with toothpicks holding their eyelashes open, Dave Dickman, Tom Dukes, Ray Kitchens, Frank Matheson, Kent Rappleye, Dave Simpson and Norm Simpson, were welcomed into the Vigil Honor brotherhood in a sunrise ceremony by Allowat Sakima. Following the ceremony, the seven newcomers joined with Bruce Huko, Vigil chief of '71-'72 and several other Vigil members at the Coachmans Inn for a hearty breakfast. Following breakfast an election was held and Dave Simpson was elected as the Vigil Chief for '72-'73. We would like to congratulate these seven brothers on achieving this great honor, and we wish Dave the best of luck in his new job. Once more the question arises, "Who will be called out this year?" The Annual Banquet will tell all, so be sure you are there, you never know, that mysterious person may be you. Good Luck!

Oscar the Prune Tree Reporter

### EAST CHAPTER:

Summer has come again (it comes once a year you know). We will not be doing anything during the month of July except on the Ordeal. You will find (I'm going to China). If you're going to the Ordeal but not the Fellowship, call Rick Rowley--277-0446, or Mick Mackey--277-4184. I would like to thank you for helping at the Scout-o-rama. Thanks to everyone, we got second place in our booth display. (We don't care, just as long as we get Chapter of the Year Award).

August is the scene of a very busy month. On the 18th and 19th, we are going to go to Steiner and help them close up. Food costs are estimated at \$1.00. All interested call the two above names. Also the Area Conference is in store for you all. The cost for this event will be \$20.00. It is being held at Weber State. I want to see you at our future functions. If you are up at Camp Frontier, drop in on me, I'm at the waterfront. Have a fun summer at camp. See ya in August!!

Fun and Pleasure Always

Jim Olsen  
East Chapter Chief

P.S. Has been censored.

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### NORTHWEST CHAPTER:

To quote our fearless leader, otherwise known as our humble lodge chief, "The Order of the Arrow's main function is to promote camping." So, during the month of July and August, we will hold no chapter meetings.

But, on the 15th of September, 1972, at the Val Verde Stake Center we will again resume our frenzy of freaky, fun-filled chapter meetings (directly behind the Bountiful drive-in).

And to the outstanding new members, or old candidates as we fondly call them that somehow weasel their way into the dark and somewhat weird corridors of this periodical, we congratulate you. We call our chapter the Cheyenne Nation, and to live up to this title of honor we will be adopting the Cheyenne costumes and dances to the things we do. So call John Koew at 359-5731 and tell him you want to be an Indian!

Charles Hurst  
Chapter Chief

#### WEST CHAPTER:

We presented Camp Promotion and sold the O.A. published "Outdoor Guide" at the West Scout-o-rama. Selection of Ordeal Team members for the East Fork of the Bear Ordeal & Summer Fellowship were made at the Chapter meeting which is the second Friday of the month at Brockbank Jr. High in Magna.

Remember we have a challenge to beat the best in the East by signing up the largest number of participants for the Area Conference. Cost is \$19.00. Deadline for fees is August 1. Fee includes food, room, patch and a neckerchief slide for the winning chapter.

Where? Weber State College, Ogden

When? August 24, 25, 26

How about we sickum Sioux?

Let's show 'em what we can do.

Wayne Castagno  
Vice-chief Service

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#### SOUTH CHAPTER:

Well you other Chapters will have to work just a little bit harder next time, because South Chapter WON! first place at the Scout-o-rama exhibits at Hillcrest High School. We did such an outstanding job, that the judges didn't have a choice but to award South chapter with the winning banner. All kidding aside, you other chapters better look out because South chapter plans to win most all the events at the Summer Fellowship too. It sure is going to be fun spending three days in camp working with brothers of the Order.

The officers of our chapter would like to have all our members out to our chapter meeting August 10. There will be an Area Conference this year at Weber State, August 24, 25, 26, money has to be handed in to have a complete list of those who are going. We'd like to see all our members attend this Conference. For information about the Area Conference call Dave Dickman 266-8923.

Well that is all for this month, see you next month.

Bill Huebner  
Chapter Chief

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