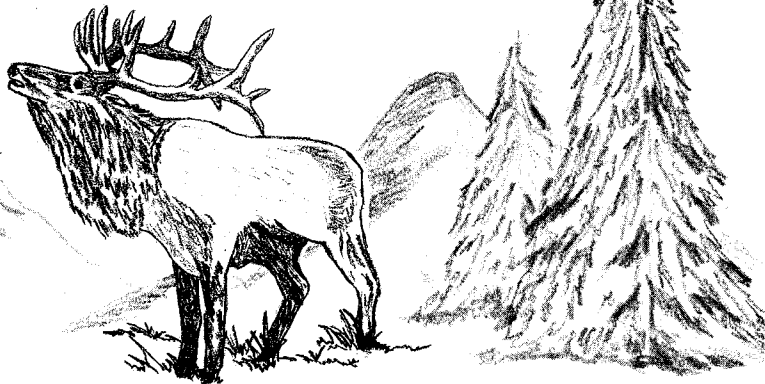


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ARE YOU READY FOR '72'

For some people three months may seem like a long time, but for the EL-KU-TA-TA Lodge it is a very short time. The year of '72' must be planned and launched before it's even here. Once more with the beginning of a new year it becomes time to re-register in the Order of the Arrow, and you should start thinking about that now. This is your opportunity to dedicate yourself to a life of cheerful service in the O.A. If you want changes in the organization here is your chance. But you have to care enough to get involved.

Life always re-registration means filling out forms and paying dues. However, this year a program is underway to reduce this repetition of paper work. The questionnaire which was introduced this past year will be kept and you will only be required to update it each year. It is advised that you re-register with your chapter, as they have all the questionnaires that were turned in this past year. You may also register with the Scout Office or Lodge Secretary, but you will have to fill out an entire new form. Full details will be revealed to the chapter sēcs. at the next lodge meeting. The dues will also be set at this gathering. You can register after October 28, but before December 31, 1971. This is the deadline date. Get involved!

Bill Hurst
Lodge Secretary

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 28 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Scout Hq., 7:00
- Nov. 8 All chapter reports, articles, etc. for Elk's Echo due
- Jan. 27 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Scout Hq., 7:00
- Dec. 3 Lodge Banquet

Goodbye - Another year gone, another year coming, and the time to hand the job of Editor to someone else. I feel good about it though. You're getting the services of a fine man. I hope you enjoyed reading each issue of the Echo as much as I enjoyed bringing it to you. Just one more thing -- Thanks Ron for your patience, help, and guidance. Bye now.

Bruce Hucko (sob)

If you are interested in being an "Echo Staff Writer" call Bruce Hucko or Kent Rappleye.

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If you know of anyone who is not and should be getting an Echo, have them send their name, address, and phone to Bill Hurst, 2305 So 3rd E., City. Have they paid their dues?

The 1972 Area Conclave will be held August 24-26 at Weber State. Make plans to attend.

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are you? 

FALL CONCLAVE REPORT

On September 25, 1971, the EL-KU-TA Lodge held its annual Fall Conclave under the direction of David Simpson and Frank Matheson, co-chairman, with Norm Simpson as the advisor. Assisting were Rick Thiriot, Bill Hurst, Dave Dickman, and Richard Carpenter. The conclave was held at the Federal Heights Ward recreation hall.

Between 8:00 and 9:00, close to 100 people registered and started the morning off with a fine breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and eggs. The main program began with an Indian Dancing and Costuming Presentation by members of Wasatch Chapter. This set an authentic atmosphere which was to continue on throughout the conclave. We were privileged to have Gordon Smith of Copperhills District speak to us. He talked about the need for the Boy Scouts of America to reestablish a good image in relation to ecology and "leaving a camp site better than when you found it!" (I was quite annoyed myself to see a troop of scouts littering the Uintah Primitive Area while on a back-packing trip. Not only did they have the common garbage of pop cans and candy wrappers, but they were also having fun lighting off strings of firecrackers. -ed.) Mr. Smith brought with him a filmstrip narrated by a recording that showed some of the activities of scouts around the country. Afterwards, Rick Thiriot who had been the MC of the whole shebang, moderated a panel discussion on Ordeals. Many excellent ideas were brought out by panel and the floor, many of which will be incorporated in the 1972 Ordeals.

The high point of the day was when the elections (see center page) were held. Rick Thiriot conducted the elections just before lunch. Lunch consisted of Kentucky Fried Chicken from Harman's. The conclave ended in song. The East High Madrigals, directed by Mrs. Ruth Funk, presented several songs including "He Ain't Heavy" and "One Small Step", a song written for the astronauts. This proved to be the icing on the cake of a very fine conclave.

Frank Matheson

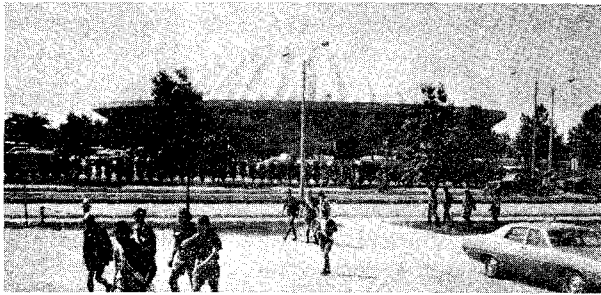
ATTENTION LODGE MEMBERS

Due to the great generosity of the Wasatch Chapter, Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America (I did that to take up space just like I am doing now -ed.) members of the general lodge membership will be allowed to participate as a member in standing of the Wasatch Chapter Dance Team. If you are interested call Dick Andersen, 266-5866. The team meets each and every Thursday at the Murray 15th Ward (5th W. 5300 S.) at 7.

So be there.



NATIONAL OA CONFERENCE REPORT



August 24, at nine A.M., 18 of our arrowmen gathered at the Salt Lake International Airport. Destination: Champaign, Illinois site of the 56th National Order of the Arrow Conference. Everyone really enjoyed the flight until we changed airlines at Chicago. We were already to leave when the pilot announced that there would be a slight

delay due to problems with the radio. Just then some workmen came and dismantled our left engine. Forty-five minutes later they finished repairing the "radio." We finally checked into our dorms at the University of Illinois.

After dinner that night, many of us started trading patches with other lodges from all over the country. This proved to be one of the most interesting and challenging parts of the conference. As well as meeting a host of new friends we all became professional patch "sharks."

No one seemed to know the difference between night and day. Have you ever tried to stay away ^{sp} during a lecture after patch trading all night long? It was a common sight to see a group of our arrowmen walking aimlessly through the streets of Champaign. This wouldn't have been unusual except that it was three in the morning and they were looking for a pizza joint that was open. The things I remember best from those nights were: patch trading, the numerous poker games, Doc's P.J.'s, Richard's stomach, and John Meng's laughing fits.

Despite all this, we managed to attend all the conference activities. Everyone gained many new ideas from the discussion groups and general sessions. We discussed how to get active members, the inner-city problem, drugs and ecology. We heard speeches from all the "top dogs" in the OA: Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the OA; Carroll A. Edson, cofounder of the OA; David J. Boshea, National Secretary; and Alden G. Barber, Chief Executive. There were seminars on Indian dancing, singing, ceremonies, and costume.

Thursday marked the start of the DUR-O-THIN (do your own thing). This is the equivalent of our Scout-O-Rama. Many lodges showed their exotic cooking skills. They passed out samples of funnel-cake, Winnebago fry bread, mussels, and roast snake(YUM). EL-KU*TA felt obligated to take the part of the official conference food samplers.



NEW LODGE CHIEF
SETS GOALS FOR '72

During the past two years we have seen an upward trend in the effectiveness of the lodge. We have witnessed an increase in membership and activities in the lodge and chapters. Last year committees were set up and there was considerable progress made in them. The foundation has been laid for a great year in 1972.

One of the large problems EL-KU-TA Lodge has faced is the dis-unification of the lodge officers, chapters and the membership as a whole. Unfortunately, instead of trying to solve our differences as brothers and arrowmen we resort, in many cases, to undermining one another. Too much pettiness has been a part of the EL-KU-TA Lodge. I know that this can be changed. The lodge officers and advisors for 1972 are completely united in purpose. I believe that if I, as Lodge Chief, can make certain that before making policy or taking action on anything, that all facets of the question are brought to light, and that we officers set the example of being objective, I am positive that we can stamp out all of the arguing, undermining, pettiness, and hard-feelings in the lodge.

I have several changes that will be made during 1972. The key word in my administration will be organization. I will give you a brief sketch of some of these changes and a "planbook" will be printed in December that will show in detail that organization, programs of each committee for the year, dates, and many other things to help you, as members, know exactly what is happening throughout next year.

Quite a lot of consolidation will be done throughout the lodge. The first step will come with the council going to five divisions, instead of 15 districts. EL-KU-TA will follow this new policy and convert to 5 chapters. Instead of about ten committees, we will have only 5 Lodge committees. They will be public relations, Camping Promotion, Service (will include activities), Inductions (will include ordeals, brotherhood, unit elections, and ceremonies), and the Membership-Finance committee. Presiding over the Camping Promotion, Service, and Inductions committees will be Deputy Vice-Chiefs appointed by me. The Secretary, David Simpson, and Treasurer, Richard Carpenter, will be co-chairmen of the Membership-Finance Committee. I will also appoint the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee (which includes the Elk's Echo). Each of these five committees will have one advisor assigned specifically and only to that committee. The chapters will have three committees; Inductions, Camping Promotion, and Service, plus one representative to the Lodge Public Relations Committee and the Membership-Finance Committee.

Each of these committees will pre-plan their tentative program for the entire year by December and it will be printed in the planbook.

(new chief cont'd)

This way at the beginning of the new year we will know what we need to do so we may properly plan, follow-through, and publicize all activities and projects.

These are some of the major changes to be aware of. I am sure that with your activity and cooperation, we can have a fantastic year. It will be one where everyone is united to strengthen the entire council and prove to the council that we can be of use, that we can accomplish much, and that we are worthy of being members of the Order of the Arrow.

Frank Matheson
Lodge Chief to-be, 1972



FRANK MATHESON

LODGE CHIEF, 1972

ORGANIZATION

Following right behind Frank this year will be three other promising young men filling in the difficult tasks of the offices of Lodge Vice - chief, Secretary, and Treasurer. The future of EL-KU-TA certainly appears to be looking up with capable leaders like these four serving their brothers.



VICE - CHIEF
DAVE DICKMAN

"I would first like to thank all of those who voted me into this position. My main goal for the coming year is to make sure that policies are adopted for the good of the individual arrowmen and not the lodge. I have many activities in mind that I think are worth trying and that would be appealing to all. Thanks for giving me the chance to work for you."

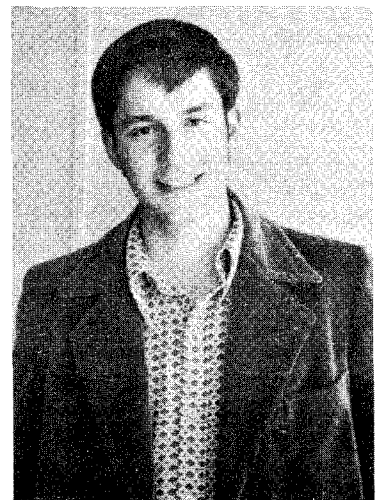


SECRETARY
DAVE SIMPSON

greatest our lodge has ever seen. We have the manpower so let's so them how it's done."

"I feel very lucky to have been elected to this post. We were all up against some very stiff competition. I know that the coming year will be a rewarding experience for me and I hope to help make it a good year for you. But you have to get involved. By cooperating with lodge and chapter officials, I know the OA can go a long way and do great things."

TREASURER
RICHARD CARPENTER



(Nat'l OA cont'd)

Adding to the scenery of the conference, Miss Teenage America 1971 was a major attraction at the Dur-O-Thin. She gave an excellent talk about ecology, but most of the arrowmen preferred to look rather than listen. Her sponsor, the Dr. Pepper Company, put up a booth where you could get as much free Dr. Pepper as you (could stand) wanted. One of the larger members of our delegation (who dat') found himself in the middle of a Dr. Pepper drinking contest with arrowmen from all over the country. He finally beat out his nearest competitor from Tennessee with 16 cups. His reign as the "iron gut" was short lived however. The guy from Tennessee returned from the little boy's room to down a whopping 20 cups of Dr. Pepper.

We were very fortunate to have Doc Fairbanks at the Conference to give us his doctorly advice, like the time he told John Meng how to wear his socks so his feet won't turn purple.

The highlight of the conference was the Indian Dance competition. I couldn't even start to put into words the perfected skill of the dancers and the magnificent beauty of their costumes. At the conference, all the western lodges had a big campaign to have the '73' conference "out west." There was a roar of approval when it was announced that the '73' conference would be held at Santa Barbara, California.

This conference had more good times and learning experiences than arrowmen could find anywhere else. It is such a great thrill to associate with arrowmen from all fifty states that I feel it is an opportunity more EL-KU-TA members should take advantage of. May we always incorporate the theme of this conference, "Aim High - Serve All" in our lives as we serve our fellow man.

Kelly Tate

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - We would like to try to re-institute this column in the paper. It failed miserably last year because of lack of response. We feel it will be a plus for the paper because if there are going to be issues in the lodge (some of which are very trivial) then the Editor has a responsibility to his readers to show both sides of the argument. The column will give people the opportunity to express their opinions and views on lodge and other issues, decisions, and policies. Every member of EL-KU-TA has a right to know of and be aware of everything that goes on in the lodge. We feel that this column which will be titled WRITE ON will give the individual this right to hear and be heard. This is the stand the paper will take. Remember, your article does not necessarily have to pertain to OA business. Please try and keep the article short and concise.

Kent Rappleye
Bruce Hucko

NEW MAN ON THE JOB

Say Hello to your new Editor, (Hello new Editor) Kent Rappleye. Kent is going to replace the hard working, glorious, industrious (Who wrote this?), etc. Bruce Hucko. Bruce has gone on to bigger and better avenues, and Kent is going to take over where Bruce left off. (Where's that?)

Kent's main goal is to try and "spice" the paper up with "fleeing passages of comic relief." He further feels that through a closer relationship between the chapters, a more concise and informative paper can be published. This does not mean that the paper will be shorter, only that we can put more articles in it.

Kent comes to us with an excellent background. He is the head photographer for the Skyline High newspaper; and has served for two years as the photography editor of his school's literary magazine. During the summer, Kent was a photographer and reporter for the LDS Priesthood-Explorer Conference.



Kent became a member of the Order of the Arrow in June, 1967. Since then he has been the vice-chief and chief of Mt. Olympus Chapter. He is a Brotherhood member. His warm smile and great personality give him the ability to make friends rapidly...so when you see him, walk up and say hello - - he's going to need all the friends he can get.

He sure is cute!

So is my breechcloth.

(Editor's note: Kent was the author of the Richard Morrison Poem-Dec. 70' and the David Gleue Memorial-May 71'. He was also the target of an Echo special-March 71- when he saved the life of a fellow motorist.)

"By loving others, we shall always experience fulfillment ourselves."
Kahlil Gibran

How's school everyone? Don't forget:

LODGE BANQUET DECEMBER ³ 1971

(isure ty pe good, huh?)

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Due to the new Council and lodge policy of zoning into 5 districts, which goes into effect in January, any and all chapter reports for that month and any following month would be invalid. Therefore, there will be no more chapter reports until the 5 new chapters are organized. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause. If you still plan to meet as the old chapter until the new ones are organized, let me know and I'll print it in the next Echo - which will come out on time!

I guess all we can do until the lodge gets this mess organized is remain dormant. That shouldn't be hard for some of your, but chapters like Wasatch, Shoshoni, and Jordan will go bananas.

Editor

The mess has been organized. If you haven't already, you will receive a letter telling you where and when your new chapter's first meeting will be. At this meeting, among many other things, you will elect your new chapter officers. So please watch for the letter and be there!

Frank Matheson
Lodge Chief 1972

BANQUET DATE SET, ANOTHER GREAT ONE

The Second Parents-Son Annual OA Dinner will be held December 3rd at the 19th Ward located at 168 West 4th North. The cost is \$2.50 per person. Dinner begins at 7:00, so be there by 6:30. Dinner will be by reservations only and they are to be made by November 2. Make checks payable to the Great Salt Lake Council, BSA. Mail to Boy Scout Service Center, 525 Foothill Drive, S.L.C., Utah, 84113.

71 OA Parent-Son Dinner

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Phone _____ How many people in your party? _____

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