

The Story Of  
SHENSHAWPOTOO

276

ORDER OF THE ARROW



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# Founding Of SHENSHAWPOTOO



SHENSHAWPOTOO Lodge No. 276, W. W. W. was founded shortly after the present Council Camp, Rock Enon, was purchased in 1944. Its first charter was issued that year.

Among its charter members were Basil Starkey, then Scout Executive of the Shenandoah Area Council, Stanley Cundiff and Ray Garrabrandt. Starkey was a Brotherhood Honor member, having been taken into the Order at Camp Trexler, POHOPOCO Lodge No. 44, Area III-a, Lehigh Council, Allentown, Pa. He later was transferred to DELMONT Lodge No. 43, Area III-a, Valley Forge Council, Pa., before coming to Va.

Cundiff, Brotherhood, was a former member of KON-KON-TU, No. 107, II-c, South Jersey Council, Millville, New Jersey. He has since returned to Region II, and is active in Arrow work.

Garrabrandt was a former member of NENTICO Lodge, No. 12, III-a (at that time) Baltimore Area Council, having taken the Ordeal in 1932 and given the Brotherhood Honor in 1933, at Linstead Scout Camps on the Severn in Maryland.

These three men formed the nucleus of the new Lodge at Rock Enon and between them conducted the first tapping out and Ordeal ceremonies. There were about fifteen charter members and the Lodge has had a slow but steady growth since. Starkey is now Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Region III. Garrabrandt was given the Vigil Honor at Camp Trexler at Area III-a POW WOW in 1949 and is a Lodge Advisor.

W. C. "Buzz" Gleason, formerly of AH TIC Lodge, No. 139, Bucktail Council, DuBois, Pa., Area III-b now Scout Executive in the Shenandoah Area, also holds the Vigil Honor. Phil Hunter, another Charter Member of SHENSHAW-POTOO, was a Vigil Honor candidate at the first Area III-c POWWOW at Camp Darden, Tidewater Council, 1953.

Membership in the Lodge has necessarily fluctuated somewhat over the years. Many of the earlier members are in, or have been in, the Armed Forces and some are away at School, being dropped for not continuing registrations in Scouting. This year the Lodge has undergone a complete reorganization and the sights are set high, the goals lofty but not out of reach. Another year and much could be added to this brief history.

At present the Honor ratio is about 70, 25, 5, Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil. It is believed the Ordeal-Brotherhood picture will change considerably this year. And some concerted effort will be made to hold those new Ordeal members beyond their first year. The Lodge aim is to grow bigger and stronger--in Service, in Purpose and in Fellowship with Arrow men. It is hoped, too, that the Lodge may entertain Area III-c at Rock Enon in the not too distant future. The facilities are there. When it is felt the Lodge is equipped to handle it the bid will be made.



## MEANING AND HISTORY OF THE LODGE NAME and TOTEM

SHENSHAWPOTOO is a composite word, made up of the first syllables of the Council name, and the (then) three districts in the Council--Shawnee, Potomac, and Two Rivers. There has since been added Shenco District in the southern reaches of the Council and this fits too. Accent is on the second syllable. Later, possibly, chapters will be established in the various districts and these will bear the names of the districts or appropriate chieftains of the area.

Shenandoah, as many know, is quite famous in the regions of Northern Virginia. The word itself means 'Daughters of the Stars', and lends its name to a river, a National Park, mountains, a valley, a county, a town, underground caverns and a famous battle during the War between the States.

Shawnee has much significance in the Valley of Virginia. The tribe name is from the Algonquian SHAWANOGLI, meaning

'southerners", an offshoot of the Lenni Lenape or Delaware nations. The Potomac, (another Algonquin name,) River stretching along the northernmost boundaries of the Council and this district was named for it. Above Front Royal where they converge the North and South forks of the Shenandoah River stretch southward for many miles. Hence, Two Rivers. The river flows northward and to go "up the Valley" means going southward.

The Shenandoah flows into the Potomac at Harpers Ferry, W. Va. where also, three States and two mountain ranges meet. Many romantic tales are told of the big potlatch ceremonies between the tribes living along the Potomac and those in the Shenandoah Valley.

The Lodge totem is a deer, Hundredes of these fine animals find sanctuary in Frederick County in which the Council Camp is situated. Many have been seen in camp and their tracks abound near every watering place. The camp reservation, 577 acres, adjoins a game preserve at the ridge of Little North Mountain

on the East. The deer was thought the most appropriate subject for totem of all the wildlife native at camp.

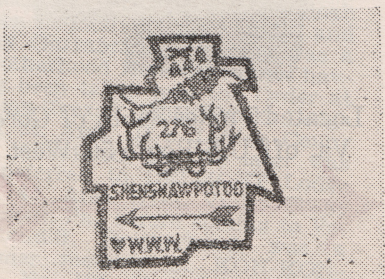
The Lodge emblem is a four-inch ring with extending arrow head and hock pointing over the right shoulder which encircles the camp patch. Incorporated in the emblem is Lodge name, W. W. W. and a pair of deer tracks.



A new emblem is being created this year, since it was found the original one was generally too large for the Scout shirt pocket. The old one will be retained, possibly, for neckerchief wear.

Camp Rock Arrow

The new emblem will be of poly sided design representing the outline of the camp reservation. On it will be the location of the Arrow circle, marked by a flame over crossed logs, the lake, a set of buck's antlers and the symbol for good drinking water. Rock Enon springs, in the reservation, have been famous for well over a century. The emblem will be in five colors on a white background and will be ready for the 1953 summer camp season.



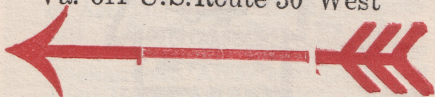
SHENSHAWPOTOO is making its move forward. The potential is there.



# Camp Rock Enon



Located 5 miles South of Gore,  
Va. off U.S. Route 50 West



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