

ORDER OF THE ARROW



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1994 HONOR LODGE

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1995 FALL INDUCTION WAS THE BEST!

The 1995 Fall Induction was held on August 24-26 at Camp Chickahominy. The Lodge had over 100 brothers and candidates in attendance for the weekend. Bill Moore, Service Chairman, kept everyone busy in service projects, such as taking down cots, repainting the totem poles at the campfire ring and on the path to the chapel, and various other projects. Chris Esch, Activities Chairman, directed the clean-up of the pool for Fellowship Activities. During the Fellowship Activities, the brothers enjoyed playing around in the pool. On Sunday morning, elections were held for the various Lodge offices. The Lodge inducted 21 Ordeal candidates, 8 members earned their Brotherhood memberships, and 4 Brotherhood members received Vigil Honors.

1995-1996 LODGE OFFICER RACE

This year's officer race had the largest slate of candidates that have been seen in a long time at the Lodge Elections. The positions that were needed to be filled were Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, and Vice Chiefs for the Central, Eastern, and Western Districts. The candidates for Lodge Chief were Ryan Johnson, Brian Freeman, John Belmonte, and Davy Slack. After numerous run-offs, John Belmonte was selected as the 95-96 Lodge Chief. The candidates for Lodge Secretary were Bill Moore and Jonathan Williams with Bill Moore elected as Lodge Secretary. The nominees for Lodge Treasurer were Chris Esch and Chris Tooley. The 95-96 keeper of the patch box is Chris Esch as Lodge Treasurer. Davy Slack was elected Eastern Vice Chief and 1st Vice Chief. The Central Vice Chief is Ben Thomas and the Western Vice Chief is Michael High.

1995 VIGIL HONORS

The Vigil Honors were bestowed upon Brian Freeman, Billy Spence, Bill Spence, and Bobby Holland. When you see these brothers, please congratulate them on this award and ask them their Vigil names.

1995 YEAR OF SERVICE

The Order of the Arrow National Committee has designated 1995 as the Year of Service. Besides the special Philmont trail crew trek that was held in August, each Lodge has been asked to do a special service project. On November 4, 1995 there will be a one day service project in conjunction with Kecoughtan Lodge at Camp Chickahominy. The service

project will consist of rebuilding the chapel and if there is a large enough turn-out, the tables in the dining hall will be refinished. The service projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at about 4:00 that same day. There is a special patch that will be given to each participant. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided, however in order to get a headcount please complete the attached form and send it to the Scout Office.

DISCUSSIONS ONGOING FOR NEW LODGE

Members of Chanco Lodge and Kecoughtan Lodge are continuing to discuss the details to forming a new lodge. When the details have been worked out, the new lodge proposal will be presented to the membership.

1996 LODGE DUES COMING UP!!!

For 1996, the Lodge dues have been raised to \$6.00 for the year. These dues must be paid by 1 December 1995 so we can accurately complete the 1996 Lodge Recharter. The upper right hand corner of the mailing label indicates your current dues status according to Lodge records. Members who have not paid their 1995 dues will be deleted from the mailing list after this newsletter is delivered. The attached dues payment form should be sent to the Scout Office no later than 1 December 1995!

1995 CHRISTMAS BANQUET IS ON!

This year's Chanco Lodge Christmas Banquet will be held on 18 December 1995 at (where else!) the First Baptist Church in Franklin. Chris Esch is the Banquet Chairman and is still looking for some help. Further details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

1996 SOUTHERN REGION SECTION 7 CONCLAVE

The 1996 SR-7 Conclave will be held at Camp Lions, Pipisco Scout Reservation, Surry VA, on 19-21 April 96. It will be hosted by Blue Heron Lodge. Billy Spence is the Conclave Chairman.

DATES TO REMEMBER

COUNCIL OF CHIEFS	21 OCT
JOINT SERVICE PROJECT	4 NOV
CHRISTMAS BANQUET	18 DEC
SR7 CONCLAVE	19-21 APR 96

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

Dear Brothers,

I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for participating in our Fall Induction. Due to your cheerful service, the weekend was a success. We have two events coming up. Our first event will be a joint service project with Kecoughtan Lodge. On Nov., 4 we will be working together to rebuild the chapel at Camp Chickahominy. We need as many people as we can get to help provide a nice place of worship at our camp. One must keep in mind that the purpose of our Order is to promote camping and to serve the council. This is a great opportunity to do both. In addition, Chanco has a great chance to display its strong service and devotion to our brothers in Kecoughtan Lodge. Call your vice chief and plans will be made to attend the service day. On December 18, we will hold our annual Christmas Banquet, so mark your calendars now.

If any of you want to help your vice chief or serve the lodge, there are still jobs open and your help will be greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to note that the next four months are crucial to our strength as a lodge in 1996. As always, activities are slim at this time, but preparation for the upcoming year is of extreme importance. Let's get the fire burning that makes Chanco Lodge a strong one.

Yours in WWW,
John Belmonte
Chief

FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT VICE CHIEF

The Eastern District is looking forward to another great year in Chanco Lodge. Our district goals this year are to get high participation in this year's service project, and increased participation in the Lodge at the district level. If Eastern district members would like to participate in the Unit elections or camping promotions teams, please contact me as soon as possible. Davy Slack

FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT VICE CHIEF

Brothers, I wish to make my term as Western District Vice Chief a successful one and hope to keep the Western District alive and growing. I would also like to encourage all the Lodge members to attend the service day on Nov. 4. So come out and give your support to the Lodge and please, if you have any questions call me at 577-2427. Michael High

CEREMONIAL TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

It has been a long time since Chanco Lodge has had a strong ongoing ceremonial team. I want to reconstruct a team for our Lodge and section competition. Therefore I am asking for the Lodge's help. If anybody is interested in becoming a member of the ceremonial team, please contact me. The only requirement for these positions are that you show interest in ceremonies. So please for more information and dates, contact me at 934-3883. Leave message if no answer. Brian Freeman

STAFF ADVISER NOTES

1. Adult Advisers - Any adult that would like to help with any Lodge committee, please contact me at 562-3355.

2. Christmas Banquet - We would like to ask each member to bring pictures and patches of past Chanco Lodge events and bring a friend to the Banquet.

3. 1996 Conclave - Please call Billy Spence at 255-0846 for ideas for our Lodge contingent plans.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Chief - John Belmonte

Age: 17

School: Greenville County High School

Troop: 239

Rank: Life

OA Status: Vigil

John's Comment: "I hope to do the best job for the Lodge."

Secretary - Bill Moore

Age: 16

School: Smithfield High School

Troop: 43

Rank: Life

OA Status: Brotherhood

Bill's Comment: "I'm glad to serve Chanco Lodge."

Treasurer - Chris Esch

Age: 13

School: John Yeates Middle School

Troop: 16

Rank: Life

OA Status: Brotherhood

Chris's Comment: "I will do my best to serve the Lodge well."

NEW 1995-96 LODGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chief - John Belmonte, 634-2136

Secretary - Bill Moore, 357-3324

Treasurer - Chris Esch, 538-8863

Eastern Vice Chief - Davy Slack, 934-1189

Central Vice Chief - Ben Thomas, 563-7879

Western Vice Chief - Michael High, 577-2427

Ceremonies Chairman - Brian Freeman, 934-3883

Activities Chairman -

Service Chairman - Russell Recor, 357-7566

Inductions Chairman - Rob Leeper, 357-0941

Unit Elections Chairman - Grayson Lewis, 569 - 8893

Kitchen Chairman - Mark Patterson, 242- 4108

Camping Promotion -

Newsletter Editor - Matthew Esch, 538-8863

History Chairman -

Lay Advisor - Lyn Recor, 594-0483

Staff Advisor - Craig Depuy, 562-3355

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1996 DUES?

Chanco Lodge has a dues structure of \$6.00 per year when the dues are paid by December 1 for the following year. A one dollar (\$1.00) penalty fee will be charged after that date for late payment.

Non-payment of dues by December 1 places a member on the "provisional active role". Members on this role will receive mailings for one year. After that time, members on this role will be put in the inactive files and will receive no further information until dues are brought up to date. A member with dues more than one year behind must pay the current dues plus one (1) past year, or a total of \$13.00 to become an active member.

Check the label of this flyer. The upper right hand corner indicates your current dues status according to Lodge records.

REMINDER: To be a member of Chanco Lodge #483, a member must have paid his/her current years lodge dues and be properly registered in the Boy Scouts of America at the Colonial Virginia Council Office.

The cooperation of each Arrowman with timely payment of dues will permit the Lodge Officers to better manage the lodge. Please deliver or mail the below information and money to Chanco Lodge, 1248 Holland Road, Suffolk, VA 23434.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE (HOME) _____ WORK _____

BIRTH DATE _____ REGISTERED UNIT _____

ORDEAL DATE _____ BROTHERHOOD DATE _____ VIGIL DATE _____

1995 YEAR OF SERVICE PROJECT

_____ I will attend the 1995 Year of Service Project at Camp Chickahominy on Saturday, 4 November 1995 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Lunch will be provided.

NAME _____

MAIL TO: CHANCO LODGE, 1248 HOLLAND ROAD, SUFFOLK, VA 23434