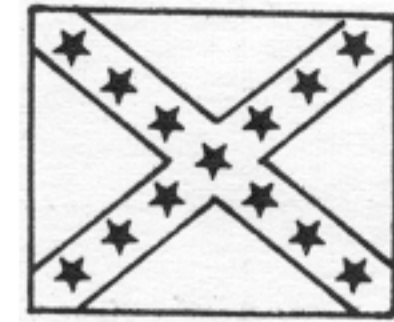
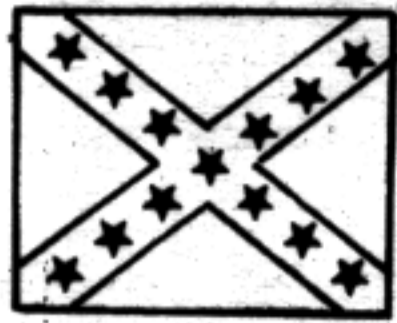


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BANQUET HUGE SUCCESS

Our Annual Christmas Banquet was held December 27th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Hampton. Registration and paying of dues was 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Our surprise gift was a neckerchief slide. The invocation was given by Bill D. Reese, the Obligation and welcome was given by our lodge chief Chris Smith, and the introductions by Danny Ray.

The order of business was read by our lodge chief and a discussion and voting was held by the members. The result was Section IV, Articles 1 and 6, of the constitution were revised. Then we had a delicious baked ham dinner topped off with ice-cream for dessert. Phil Sanders introduced the Virginia Sing-Out South who supplied an evening of top entertainment.

Our featured speaker was Lt. William B. Lenz, USAF, a former Lodge Chief in his Home Lodge, now serving as a Public Information Staff Officer in the Tactical Air Command at Langley AF Base. He is better known to most Peninsula teens as a WGH week-end newscaster.

The Vigil Honor recognition was given by Lewis Andrews. New vigil candidates

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POW-WOW NEARS

Powhatan Lodge will host the 1968 Pow-Wow this year at Camp Powhatan, in Hiwassee, Virginia, April 26-28. The fee for registration will be \$5.50 plus 50c for Saturday breakfast. We hope to get enough adult Lodge Brothers for driving and leave for the Pow-Wow on Friday afternoon. Kecoughtan Lodge is limited to 34 delegates and this will be on a first come first serve basis. A few spaces are already taken for the lodge officers and advisers. This should be one of the best Pow-Wows we have ever seen. Everyone, even ordeal members, is invited to send in his application. There is one in this issue. The weekend will be filled with fun, patch trading, and some of the best Indian dance teams in Area III-C. A trading post will be provided, with candy, soft drinks, Pow-Wow mugs, and extra patches for sale. Meals will be served in the camp dining hall with all delegates together at one time.

This year shelters will be provided for the discussion groups that will be conducted by each lodge. It will be fun for everyone who goes, so decide to go now; and don't miss out on the fun.

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FROM THE



Now that the Christmas Banquet and the year 1967 is behind us, we can look forward to the Pow-Wow and 1968. It is not too early to start thinking about the April 26-28 Pow-Wow. The Pow-Wow is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and to be active in our lodge. We are allowed to take over thirty members to Powhatan for the Pow Wow. We also have much work to do. Our lodge has a discussion group and other ideas to work on for the Pow-Wow. A Pow-Wow committee has been formed and all those interested in joining this committee should contact Jack Leiss, phone number 877-2939. We will need your support in order to have Kecoughtan Lodge make a good showing at the Pow-Wow.

I would like to thank all of those who came to the Christmas Banquet; and to those who didn't, I can only say you really missed a fine banquet. Once again, thank you for supporting your lodge.

Yours in Scouting,
Chris Smith

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are: Charles Howe, Wayne Howe, Danny Ray, John Moore, Mr. Joseph Maddox and Capt. Pret Hanes, USN. Closing remarks were given by Lodge Chief Chris Smith and Bailey Tudder, Lodge Adviser. The Dance team members, led by Roger Mills, gave an impressive rededication ceremony, after which the benediction was given by Jim Lemmons.

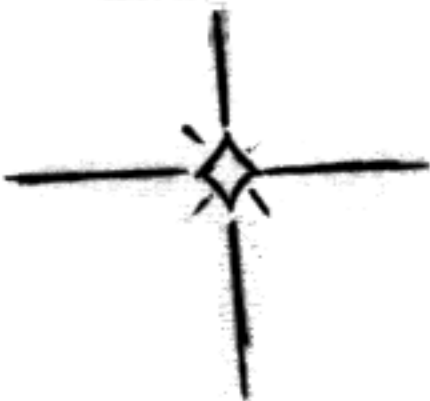
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Unless you have material to be printed in the next KECOUGHTAN KRYER. The DEADLINE will be March 8, 1968. All material MUST be in by then to get in the APRIL edition of our wonderful newsletter.

Coming up in the next few months are going to be some of the greatest scout events and gatherings that we have ever seen. In April the Pow-Wow is at Camp Powhatan near Roanoke. The Scout-O-Rama and also summer camp come into mind as we think of the warmer season just around the corner. To top it off we'll have the Peninsula Council Golden Encampment in September. Several work parties will be forming this spring to work at the scout camp and all help will be welcome.

In this new year we should see the lodge working a little better than at the start of the year. Only through all brothers helping, can we get done what we plan. Without you, we have no lodge. As you can see we are pushing the Pow-Wow very much this year. If no one went, there would not be a Pow-Wow. This just might be the thing to get you really interested in the Order of the Arrow. If you have never been to a Pow-Wow you have not been completely an O.A. member.

Last year I went to the Pow-Wow and had a tremendous time; plus I made many new friends. I implore all of you brothers to attend this great function that is held only once a year in Virginia. It is truly a spectacular that has to be seen to believe.

This summer we had 20 brothers become Brotherhood members. They and the Vigils are looked up to, to lead the lodge. They should try hard to set the correct example for the younger scouts not only in O.A. but back in their troops and posts.



CHRISTMAS BANQUET



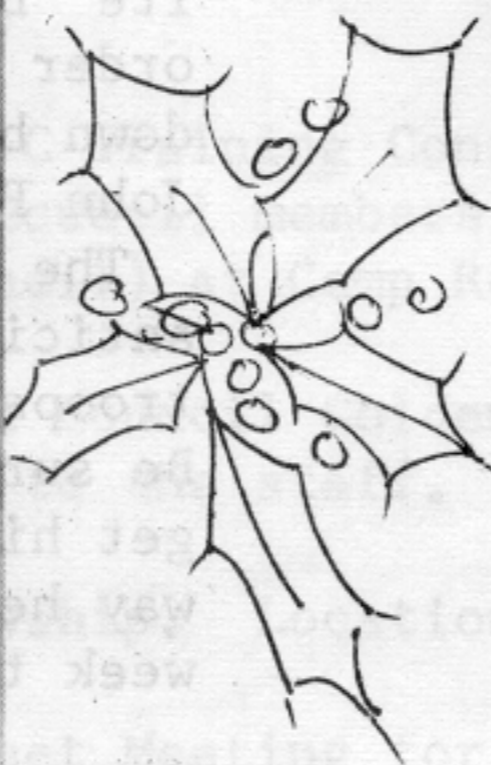
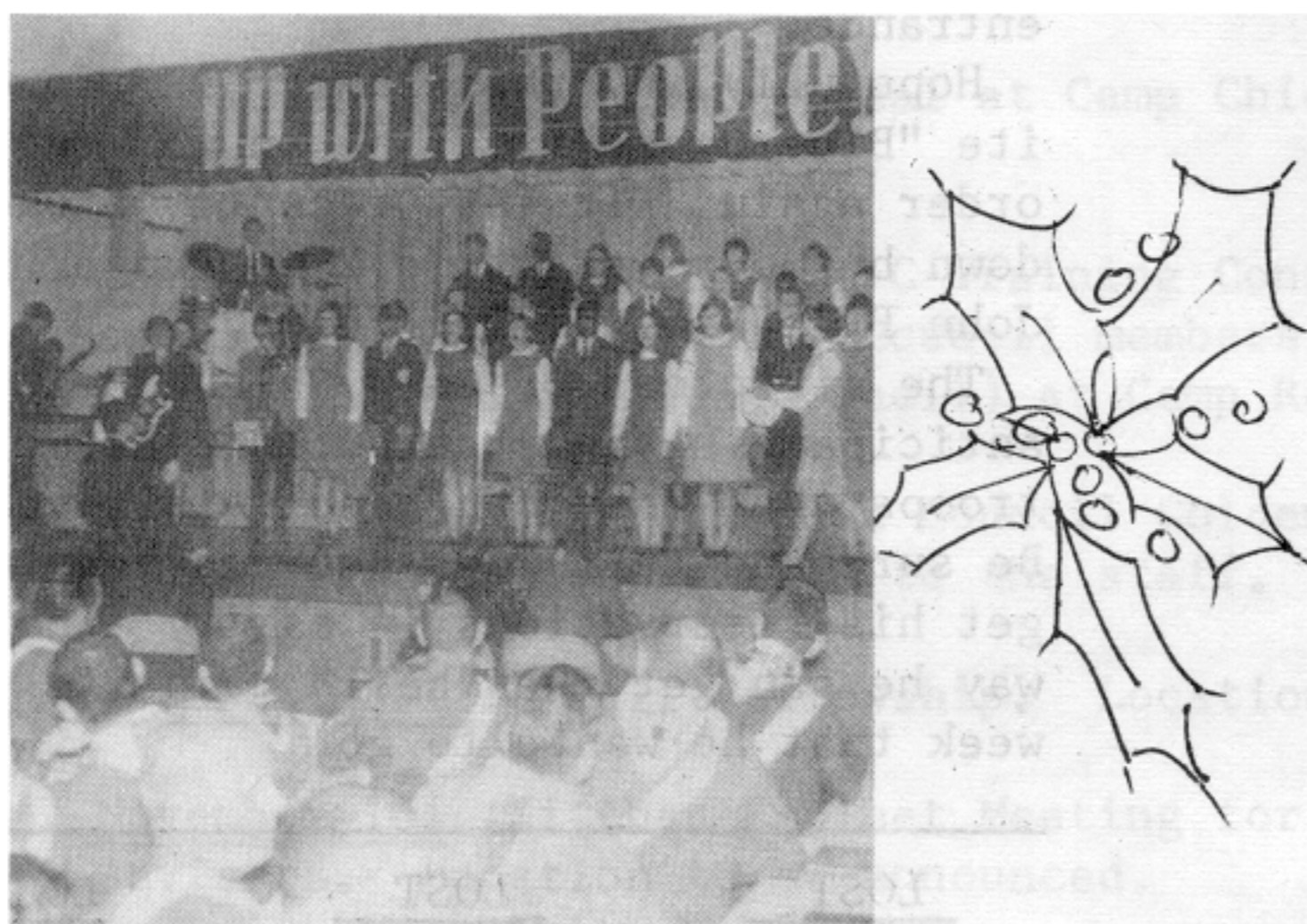
DANNY RAY registers CORKEY WHITEHEAD as the crowd gathers.



Head table honored several guests, officers, & advisers - L to R: DANNY RAY, Area III-C Chief THOMAS HUGHES, Mr QUICK, Mr TUDDER, CHRIS SMITH, Lt LENZ, Mr DAVIS, and Mr CHURCH.



LEFT: Lodge Chief CHRIS SMITH makes a sale to JOHN and LEE GOURLEY while in background Past Lodge Chief BOB BARCLAY and Past Lodge & Area III -C Chief LEWIS ANDREWS talk about the concluded banquet



ABOVE: Some of the Executive Committee present at the banquet were, L to R: BOB BARCLAY, CHRIS SMITH, DANNY RAY, PHIL SANDERS, CLIFF SLEEMAN, BRUCE DAVIDSON, RAY DERY & Mr TUDDER.

RIGHT: The Virginia Sing-Out (South) Cast entertained the Lodge for one of the hightlights of the evening.

CEREMONIAL TEAM

The Ceremonial Team is presently engaged in try-outs and rehearsals for the dance competitions for the 1968 Area III-C Pow-Wow. All brothers who are interested in joining the dance team or in working with the team are invited to attend the rehearsals, every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM in the basement of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Hilton Village, Newport News. Any brothers interested in making or repairing Indian gear, in performing ceremonies, or dancing at group engagements, should either attend the rehearsals or call Roger Mills, 596-7267; Wayne Howe, 596-5526; or Jim Abicht, 596-0625.

Brothers whose troops, posts, or civic groups that would like us to perform at a meeting should send a written request at least three weeks prior to the engagement date to: Jim Abicht, 57 Main Street, Newport News, Virginia, 23601.

The dance team would like to congratulate Wayne Howe, Charley Howe, John Moore, Mr. Joe Maddox, and Capt. Preston Haines on their nominations for the Vigil Honor.

Roger Mills
Ceremonial/Dance Team Chief

BIG ORDEAL COMING

The 1968 June Ordeal will be held June 14-15. The lodge members and new candidates will arrive Friday evening, June 14. They will check in and set up camp, while the candidates will be taken out on their Ordeal. The June Ordeal will provide time for working for lodge patches, Brotherhood ceremony, and real fun and fellowship at the crackerbarrel feast after the ceremony. Also, there will be plenty of trading patches that our brothers have gotten through the year especially ones gotten at the Pow Wow in April.

Make plans now to come to the June Ordeal and take in all the fun.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

CAMP

CHICKAHOMINY



Your Officers hope every member of the Order of the Arrow is planning to spend a week at Camp Chickahominy during the camping season this summer. While you are there you should be sure to notice all the work Larry Sutton and his camping promotions committee have done. They are also working on the council to get better fuel for the stoves.

On Saturday, February 3, a few of the members of camping promotions went up there to work. The work that they achieved was fantastic. They removed a large dead pine tree that was in front of the administration building and also worked on clearing roads. When you get to the camp be sure to notice the new infirmary right inside the camp entrance.

Hopefully, by this summer our favorite "Blue Goose" will be in working order again. It just recently broke down but our versatile Camp Ranger, John Pyle, is working on it.

The directors of Camp Chickahominy anticipate having the full number of troops that they can handle this year. Be sure and tell your Scoutmaster to get his reservations in early. That way he can get the "best" campsite the week that he wants to go.

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At the Christmas Banquet a dark overcoat was picked up by mistake. Anyone having such a coat, please call the editor of this newsletter. Thank you.

1968 CALENDAR

KECOUGHTAN LODGE W. W. W. 463

March 29-31: Koo Koo Ku Hoo Lodge 161, (Piedmont Area Council) celebrates its 30th Anniversary. Kecoughtan Lodge's Executive Council is invited to participate.

April 6: Saturday Service Day at Camp Chickahominy coincides with Central and Western Districts Beaver Party for adult Scouters. Hours worked will count as credits toward another Lodge pocket flap patch.

April 26-28: Area III-C Pow Wow at Camp Powhatan.

May 4: Saturday Service Day at Camp Chickahominy. Hours worked will count as credits toward another Lodge pocket flap patch. Entire camp will be open to troop camping the whole week-end.

SPECIAL EVENT SATURDAY EVENING: Order-of-the-Arrow Campfire and Tap-out of Ordeal Candidates. Units - arrange to have your election conducted on or before May 4 so your candidates can participate in the memorable experience of our revised pre-ordeal ceremonies.

May 25: Council Scoutorama. Kecoughtan Lodge will operate a miniature "Camp Chickahominy" on the Scoutorama grounds.

June 14-15: Spring Ordeal at Camp Chickahominy.

June 24-29: Staff Week at Camp Chickahominy. Week-long Service Days for Lodge Members to assist in preparation of summer camp. Hours worked will count credits toward another Lodge pocket flap patch.

July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2 and 9: Tap-outs and pre-ordeal ceremonies for Ordeal Candidates following Friday night campfire every week of Summer Camp.

August 12-17: Wrap-up week at Camp Chickahominy. Week-long Service Days for Lodge members to assist in taking down and storing summer camp gear. Hours worked will count as credits toward another Lodge pocket flap patch.

September 6-8: Summer Ordeal at Camp Chickahominy. Includes election of Lodge Officers for 1968-69.

September 13-15: Area III-C Training Conference for newly elected and appointed Lodge Executive Council members - hosts will be Shenshawpotoo Lodge (Shenandoah Area Council) at Camp Rock Enon.

September 20-22: Peninsula Council Golden Anniversary Encampment. The Lodge will provide service to the staff.

October 12-13: Fall Fellowship. Location to be announced.

November 16: Kitchen Cabinet Meeting for Area III-C Lodge Officers and Advisers. Location to be announced.

December 27: Christmas Banquet. Location to be announced.

NAME THE CAMPSITES

Kecoughtan Lodge Arrowmen have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to name the 12 campsites that comprise Camp Chickahominy, the first of 3 camps planned for construction on the Peninsula Scout Reservation.

Assistant Scout Executive Cliff Nolan, who doubles as camp director, wants to open camp this June 30 with every site proudly identified by its permanent name. What could be more appropriate than having the Order of the Arrow, a brotherhood of honor campers, come up with the names?

Dig into your local Indian lore and find historic Indian names. They can be people, places, or things. A set of 12 related names would be best; that is, all of people, all of places, or all of things. Indian names of local origin are preferred, for they will have the most meaning to local campers over the many, many years they will be in use.

The reward for the winning set of names will be two-fold. Most important will be the enduring thrill of knowing you are "the Scout who named the Camp Chickahominy campsites." A bit more tangible will be the handsome appreciation plaque, engraved with the winner's name and the campsite names, to be presented at the naming ceremony.

Will those thrills be yours? Send your suggestions to the Lodge Camping Promotion Committee Chairman, Larry Sutton, 827 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, Virginia 23366.

ARROWMEN RULE HAMPTON ON
SCOUT CITY GOVERNMENT DAY

On Wednesday February 28, nine Arrowmen from Kecoughtan Lodge held Key posts in the government structure of Hampton. The occasion was the 1968 Scout City Government Day, an annual event which gives Scouts added knowledge of their local government and city officials added appreciation of the way "Scouting rounds a guy out!"

Holding down the top slot was "Mayor" Doug Thompson of Troop 54. His "Vice-Mayor" was Bob Lawson from Troop 31. Another team of Arrowmen officials-for-the-day was composed of "City Manager" Kenny Nourse, Troop 13, and "Assistant City Manager" Marty Tant, Troop 150. Troop 10's Order of the Arrow membership was represented by "City Councilman" Don Spady. Top money-man of the day was O. A. member "Treasurer" Alan Poland from Troop 50. Law and Order were upheld by Arrowmen Larry Tillett (Troop 57) and Dave Shutt (Troop 58), who were "Judge of the Circuit Court" and "City Sergeant", respectively. Our spirit of cheerful service and devotion to the welfare of others was put into action by "Superintendent of Welfare" Mark Karika, Troop 150.

All members in Kecoughtan Lodge can be proud of the recognition given these, our brothers. Others of you may be in the spotlight at next year's Scout City Government Day.

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Here are additional facts concerning the Pow-Wow:

- (1) Get your reservation in NOW! Each delegate will have a specific job to do for Kecoughtan Lodge while at the Pow-Wow. DEADLINE IS MARCH 15th.
- (2) We need enough adult members (21 or over) to drive the delegation and its gear to Camp Powhatan. That means at least 5 large sedans or station wagons and 1 pick-up truck.
- (3) Hiwassee, Virginia is near Pulaski, a long, long way from the Peninsula (about 6 hours). Cars will leave as early on Friday afternoon, April 26th, as can be arranged by mutual agreement of driver and passengers.
- (4) The \$6.00 Pow-Wow and breakfast fee covers meals starting with Saturday breakfast and ending with Sunday lunch. It also includes the Pow-Wow packet consisting of a zipper case with the Pow-Wow emblem on the outside, containing a patch, training manual and other surprises.
- (5) Delegates should plan for pocket money to cover food going and coming, and trading post purchases, IN ADDITION TO A FAIR SHARE OF VEHICLE EXPENSE.

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PHILMONT '68



"Yes, sir! I've trimmed it down to bare essentials."

If you haven't been there you should go, if you have been there you'll want to go again. This expresses the feelings of most scouts as the thought of Philmont comes to mind. Philmont is the place where boys are made into men.

Having been to this mountain wonderland I can now realize the ways it changed my life. Sure, I was out of town for a few weeks, but the real rewards are kept for a lifetime. Undying friendships are made, some with people, the rest with this wonderful world we live in.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND SEND WITH \$6.00 TO:

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

PENINSULA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
3415 Warwick Blvd.
Newport News, Virginia 23607

YES!

I want to be one of the 34 Kecoughtan Lodge

delegates to the April 26-28 Area III-C Pow-Wow at Camp Powhatan, Hiwassee, Virginia. I will pay the driver of the car I am assigned to a fair share for transportation expense. My \$6.00 fee for the Pow-Wow and Saturday morning breakfast is enclosed.

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

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The Lodge activity calendar for the rest of 1968 is on page 5 of this issue. There are several things to note in connection with this calendar. The obvious point is that it provides numerous opportunities for fellowship, fun with others who share our interests, and cheerful service in providing better camping for our fellow Scouts and Scouters. In fact, there are so many opportunities for Order of the Arrow activities that it becomes necessary to remind all Brothers that an Arrowman's first duty (after home, school and church, of course) is to his Scouting Unit. Our purpose is to show the way, to be pace-setters. We can't very well show the way or set the pace for our units if we cut-out for an O. A. function instead of going camping with the troop.

Our determination to avoid conflict with troop and post activities is part of the reason for publishing the calendar. The dates were chosen with due

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regard for Council and District events which involve unit participation. Also, most Scoutmasters are already O. A. members (we hope all will become part of our Order) and know its value in strengthening the leadership of their units. The same is true of Explorer Advisers. They find that knowing the O. A. calendar assist the scheduling of troop and post activities.

For instance, take the May 4 Tap-out and Pre-Ordeal. This will provide the chance for units not going on the Eastern or Central Expeditions to get together for a share-the-fun camping week-end, have a rip-roaring Saturday night campfire, and provide their O.A. candidates a memorable experience in a truly impressive Tap-out ceremony, newly revised to reflect even more of the O.A. traditions and ideals. Of course, we will have Tap-out and Pre-Ordeal ceremonial teams with the Expeditions, too, so that no candidate will be deprived of his proper introduction into our Order. W.W.W.

Baldwin T. J. J.
The Lodge Adviser

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Check the 8 groups of characters on the top line against these explanations: FIRST: Your membership number. It is for our office use. SECOND: O.A. standing (V=Vigil; B=Brotherhood; O=Ordeal) and year you got it. THIRD: Year you first joined the O.A. FOURTH: Your Peninsula Council District (1=Northern; 2=Eastern; 3=Western; 4=Central) FIFTH: Your troop, post, or Scouter job. SIXTH: Month & year of your birth. SEVENTH: O.A. job, if any. EIGHTH: Last digit of the year for which your dues are paid. IF ASTERISKS ARE IN ANY OF THE GROUPS (except group 7), THEY MEAN WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR COMPLETE RECORD. THAT'S BAD!!!

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