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"FROM THE LITTLE ACORN THE MIGHTY OAK TREE GROWS"

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## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ATTENDED

## MR. DAVIS MOVES ON

On March 27, nine Brothers representing our Lodge went to Camp Monocan, near Charlottesville, to help Koo Koo Ku Hoo Lodge 161 celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Most of the Lodges in Area III C sent delegations to this fellowship week-end. Our representatives were: Past Chief Bob Barclay, Chief Chris Smith, Recording Secretary Bruce Davidson, Unit Elections Chairman Ray Dery, Camping Promotion Chairman Larry Sutton, Kryer Reporters Donny Buck and John Gourley, Membership Committee Adviser, Lewis Andrews, and Lodge Adviser, Bailey Tudder.

We got there about 11:00 Friday night, checked in, got partly acquainted at a pizza-party type cracker barrel, and got into bed for the usual "quiet" first night in Camp. Saturday morning we dropped in on the Koo Koo Ku Hoo workshop discussion groups on lodge activities and projects. After lunch, most of us climbed a nearby mountain and explored the caves and tunnels of an abandoned copper mine. In the early evening, Nowakwa Lodge 3 convened an informal Area III C meeting to sample opinions on the latest concepts for the 1969 Pow Wow they will host as part of their 50th Anniversary. That night Koo  
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In February, too late for the news to be included in the February Kryer, Peninsula Council Scout Executive and Kecoughtan Lodge 463 Supreme Chief of the Fire Paul R. Davis, Jr. was transferred to a new location. He is now Scout Executive for Washington Trail Council, with headquarters at Erie, Pennsylvania.

Before coming here, Mr. Davis was Assistant Scout Executive with Daniel Boone Council in Redding, Pennsylvania. He was our Scout Executive for six and one-half years and has sixteen years of professional scouting over-all, starting with the very stiff professional training course at Schiff Scout Reservation in New Jersey.

Vigil Honor Order of the Arrowman Paul Davis will be remembered most by Peninsula Scouts for his efforts in acquiring the new 735 acre scout reservation. Most of us call it Camp Chickahominy; but that is only the name of the first of 3 summer camps that will be built on the reservation. Under Mr. Davis' supervision, Kecoughtan Lodge did much to build and improve Camp Chickahominy. He established firmly in our Lodge the tradition of service to camp development, a tradition  
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## EDITOR'S SMOKE SIGNALS

Many of you brothers might be wondering just why you are in O.A. or what good you are doing. If you have any doubts about yourself and our services to the lodge, please sign up on a committee. Because we are supposed to be honor campers we are probably leaders in our troops and posts also. You know that the younger boys in the lodge look up to the older members, but also did you know that non-O.A. members look up to us all? They look up to us with respect and a feeling of mystery. This is shown not only on the Peninsula but all over the United States.

I have been talking about how we should help each other, but still there is even a bigger job ahead. The Lodge is made up of people who combine their efforts to better the Lodge. The Lodge cannot exist unless all the brothers pull their own weight. When some of you stay home from a work party or Ordeal thinking that no one will miss you, you are WRONG. Everyone looks for their pals and friends at these lodge functions. You can hear people saying, "Hey, has anyone seen Bill?" If you know anyone that stays home from these Lodge functions talk to him to get him active in these meetings.

Initiative is needed to make Scouts and O.A. go places. If you have ideas let people know about them. If you want the lodge to do something, get in touch with one of your officers. We can't know what you want if you don't

FROM THE

## CHIEF'S TEPEE

By the time you get this issue of the Kryer, the May 4th combination work day, called lodge meeting, and candidate tap out/pre-Ordeal will have passed. It looks like it will be a fun day and one to get plenty of work done, providing you have supported your lodge the way we all should.

The called meeting is to vote changing the wording of Article 2, Section III of the Lodge Rules to read: "Lodge officers shall be elected at the Spring Ordeal-Fellowship and shall be installed at the Summer Ordeal-Fellowship." This will move the election of officers from September 8th up to June 15th this year and to similar dates in future years. The change will give the new Lodge officers a chance to work with the officers whose jobs they will be taking over in September. From my own experience I can tell you this change is much needed. I wish I had been able to learn the Chief's duties from Bob Barclay before he left for college. In the hope the change will be voted in, and because we will need one sooner or later anyway, I have appointed a nominating committee for 1968-69 officers. Danny Ray is Chairman. Please contact him or me (see page 5) if you have any suggestions. DO IT NOW!

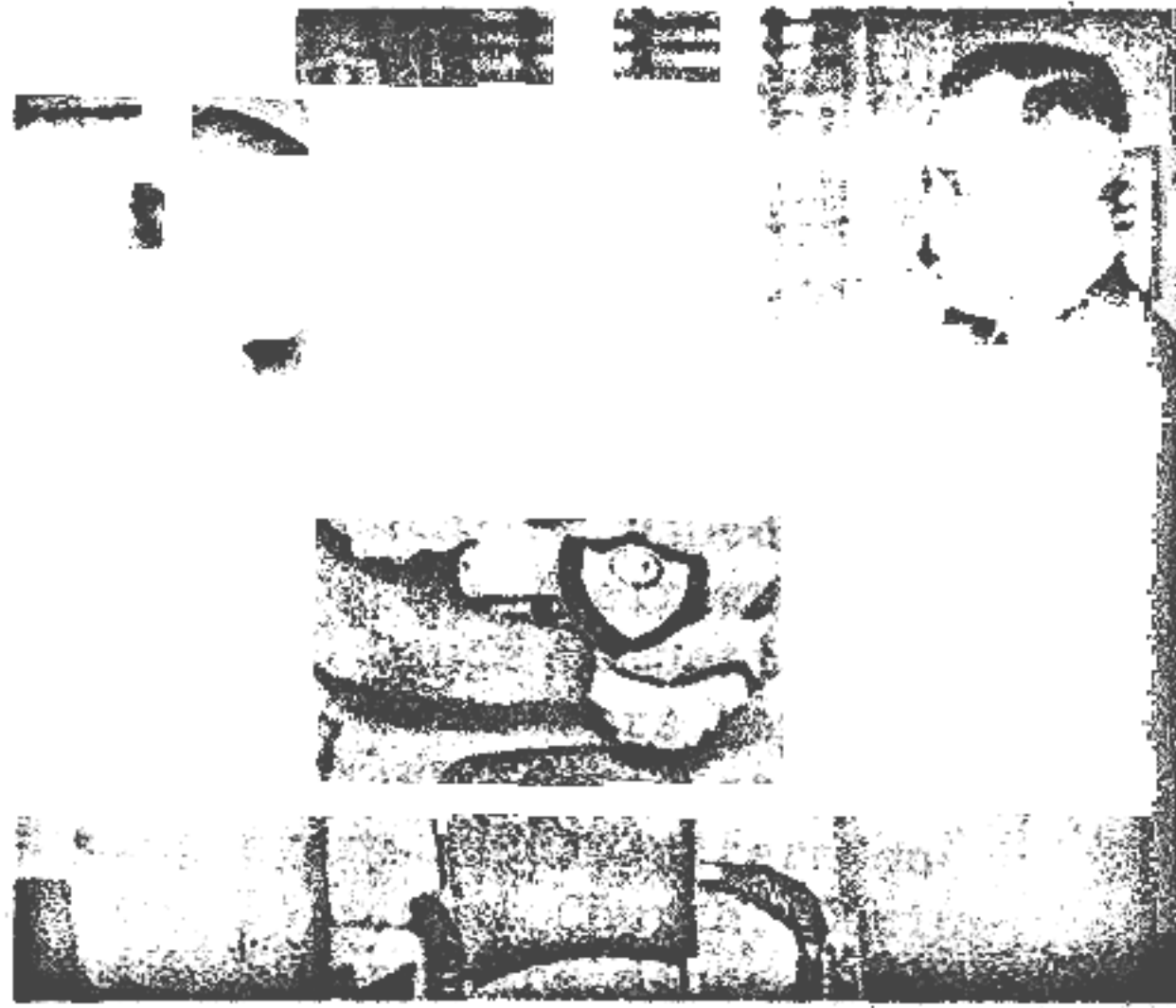
Yours in Scouting,  
Chris Smith

(Editor's Smoke Signals, continued)

have the initiative to tell someone. This is YOUR lodge and it is only as good as you want to make it. Send in your ideas to the newsletter so others might be able to air their opinions.

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# MR. DAVIS RECEIVES THANKS



Chris Smith presents Appreciation Plaque to Mr. Davis.



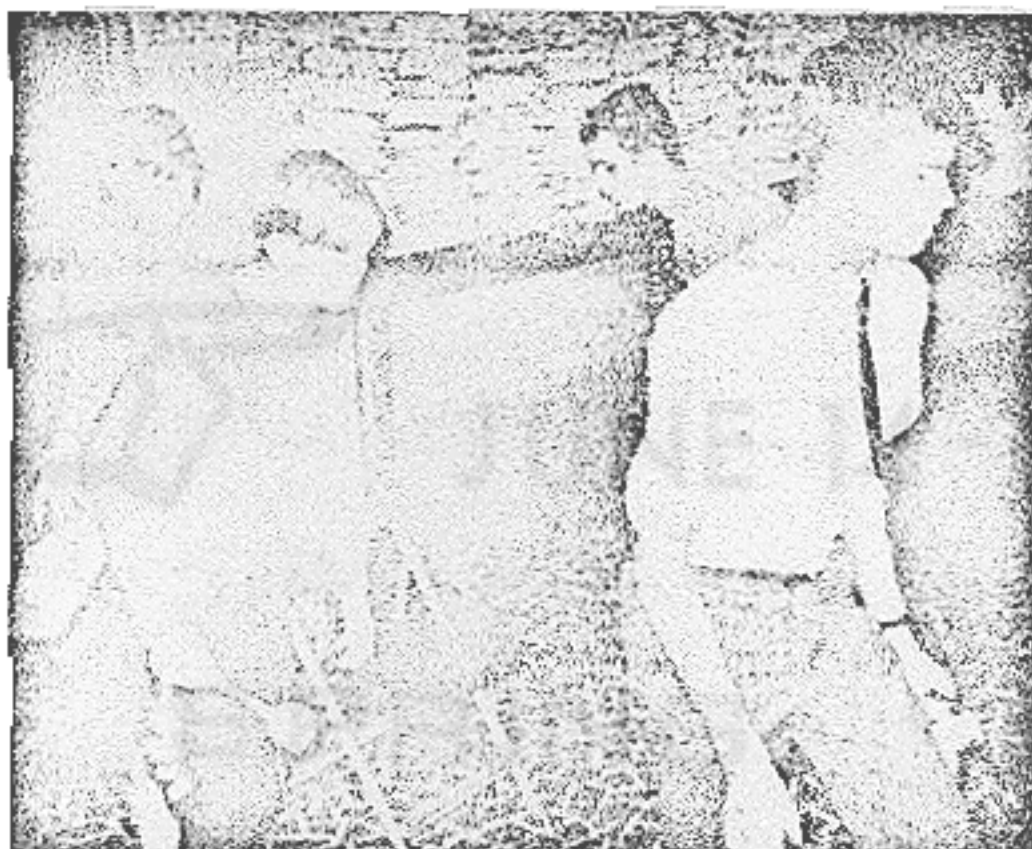
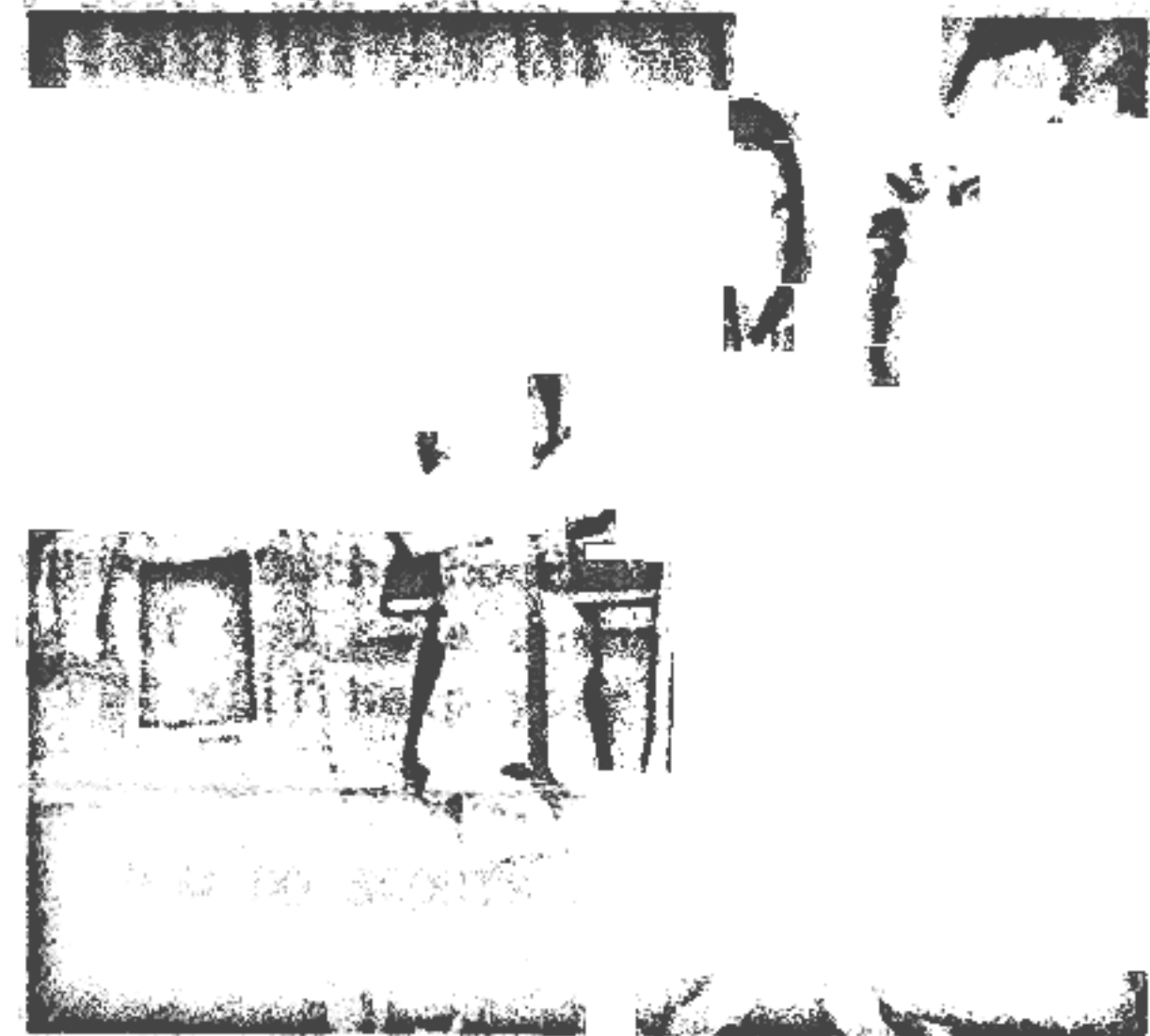
Outgoing Netami Gegey-jumhet expresses thanks

# O A DANCE TEAM PRACTICES

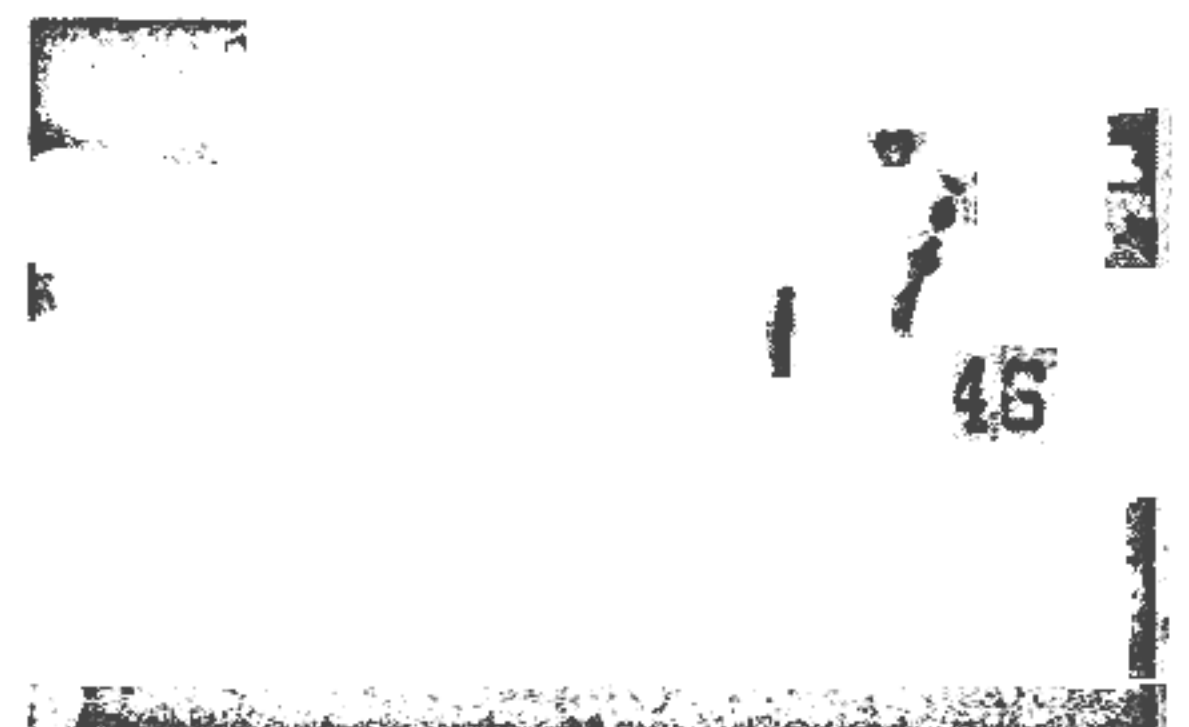


Dance Team Chief Roger Mills (L) shows Indian headgear to new members Marty Tant, Kenny Nourse and Mark Karika.

(At left) Dance team stands ready to go at one of its many school Blue & Gold Banquet performances. L to R: Roger Mills, Dale Howe, Cliff Sleeman & Jim Abicht.



Veteran Bruce Davidson shows toe-heel step to new members during Pow Wow practice.



The Dance Team Falcon (center) looks on as the team tries on its head-dress collection.

# DANCE TEAM HONORED

For the past month the Dance Team has been practicing for their entry in the 1968 Area IIIC Dance Competitions. At the same time, new members have been instructed in the basic dance steps and are practicing every Sunday afternoon at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. During the month of February, the dance team performed at five Blue and Gold Banquets and one PTA meeting. The dance team has danced at the following places: Ft. Eustis Pack #345, Hampton Packs #128 and #38, Denbigh Pack #366, Newport News Pack #14, Armstrong School PTA.

Recently, the dance team was appropriated funds to construct three wooden storage chests for storing team equipment. Any boys interested in woodworking or in helping build these boxes are requested to call Roger Mills or get in touch with someone on the dance team. At the same time, any boys interested in joining the dance team are invited to attend the weekly meetings on Sunday.

In the planning stage is a proposed dance team weekend at Camp Chickahominy to work on the O.A. Ceremonial Circle. This is an O.A. group that goes places and does things that are really fun. But, this also includes a lot of work and time for those who wish to be members. Are you good enough for the dance team, come on down and find out.

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JUNE 14-15

SPRING

ORDEAL



"Opportunities for advancement for fellows your age are tremendous."

One of the main phases of a Scouts life is advancement. Looking back I see myself working hard to memorize the oath and law.

Next came Second Class with its hiking, first aid and stalking. The friendly Eagle Scout stood over me watching, and making me aware of each mistake and helping me.

First Class, and along with it responsibility. You are probably a patrol leader helping out the new Tenderfoot.

Next came Star, Life, and the highest rank a scout can reach, Eagle. Big man in the troop. If you are not Eagle, keep punching, if you are, help out a Tenderfoot.

Remember also the O.A. ranks. No brother should stay an Ordeal member for more than a year. Those who are Brotherhood and Vigil should take the responsibility of seeing that every Ordeal member becomes Brotherhood by the Spring Ordeal. If you care enough about your lodge, you will help your brothers.

## HOW DO SCOUTS SURVIVE?

Cooking is one of the first things a Tenderfoot learns. He learns quickly or he goes hungry. By the time a Scout becomes an O.A. member he should be an expert in this field.

For younger Scouts the best way of learning is doing. A few days at summer camp gets everybody started.

By the end of the week it will be nearly perfect, hopefully.

Take pride in cooking and it is possible to become a master of the art.

Knowing you have cooked a really good meal makes you feel mighty fine, particularly in the stomach area. See you at the fireside!

## A MESSAGE FOR OUR ORDEAL MEMBERS

By June 14, the date of our Spring Ordeal this year, you will have been an Ordeal Member long enough to become a candidate for Brotherhood Membership.

On the reverse of this page is a copy of the QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP in order that you may prepare yourself in accordance with the new National Requirements which are reproduced below.

Also, we remind you that the Brotherhood Examination will be given, and successful candidates will be inducted to Brotherhood Membership, at both the Spring and Summer Ordeals.

Your application for Brotherhood Membership, with your written rededication to cheerful service (see below) must be received 2 weeks before the ceremonial dates. Take or send them to the following address by June 1 for the Spring Ordeal:

Membership Committee, Kecoughtan Lodge 463  
% Peninsula Council BSA  
3415 Warwick Blvd.  
Newport News, Virginia 23607

EXTRACT FROM SPECIAL EDITION, ORDER OF THE ARROW BULLETIN, AUTUMN, 1967,  
"CHANGES IN ORDER OF THE ARROW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE"

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### CHANGES IN BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

The first three Brotherhood requirements - 10 or more months of active service as an Ordeal member, active registered membership in Scouting, and active registered membership in the lodge -- remain the same. Each Ordeal member will now be given a copy of the Brotherhood Questionnaire, No. 5007, as soon as he has completed the Ordeal ceremony. He is required to memorize the Obligation and the Order of the Arrow song, "Firm Bound in Brotherhood"; he must be able to answer all questions in the questionnaire satisfactorily; and he must submit a written statement regarding his rededication to the principle of cheerful service to his fellow men.

Presenting the Brotherhood Questionnaire to each new Ordeal member will help him to understand the Order of the Arrow and to be better prepared to seal his membership in the Order when he goes through the Brotherhood ceremony.

The new requirement of a written statement regarding rededication to the principles of cheerful service to his fellow men causes each candidate for Brotherhood to reflect upon the true meaning and purpose of the Order. This should be a short, simple statement of 100 to 200 words that any boy can readily put down on paper. It should include a statement showing that the boy realizes that the purpose of the Order is really cheerful service -- service to his own unit, service to Scouting, service to camping. It should indicate that the boy thoroughly understands the Scout Oath and Law and that he will continue to practice the principles of Scouting in his daily life. (Written statements are also required of adults)

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**ORDER OF THE ARROW**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EXAMINATION OF**  
**CANDIDATES FOR BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP**

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

1. Q. What is the name of initial membership in the Order of the Arrow?  
A. *Ordeal membership.*
2. Q. Why is it so called?  
A. *Because it is preceded by a fourfold Ordeal.*
3. Q. What are the four parts of this Ordeal and their respective purposes?  
A. *A night of camping alone under the heavens, to prove my self-reliance; a day of arduous toil, to indicate my willingness to serve others; twenty-four hours of scout food, to demonstrate my power of self-denial; and a like period of silence to turn my thoughts inward.*
4. Q. How were you prepared for the Ordeal?  
A. *I was led by Kichkinet to the north end of the camp, where the significance of the Arrow was first revealed as I tested the bow.*
5. Q. When you had completed the Ordeal, how were you dealt with?  
A. *I was placed on the trail which leads to the circle of the lodge.*
6. Q. By whom were you first stopped as you approached the circle?  
A. *By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if I had passed the Ordeal without flinching.*
7. Q. Who next barred your further progress?  
A. *Meteu, who inquired if I had been given the admonition.*
8. Q. Had you been given the admonition?  
A. *I had not, but Kichkinet, my guide had, and gave it for me.*
9. Q. Before whom did you then at last arrive?  
A. *Before Allowat Sakima, the chief of the fire, who asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the Obligation.*
10. Q. What was Kichkinet's reply to this inquiry?  
A. *Only in the binding of them together.*
11. Q. How did Kichkinet call the attention of each of these officers to your presence?  
A. *By three taps of the hand upon the right shoulder.*
12. Q. What did these three taps signify?  
A. *The three parts of the Scout Oath or Promise.*
13. Q. How did each of the officers respond to Kichkinet's taps?  
A. *By one tap, followed by two taps, on the right shoulder.*
14. Q. What did these taps represent?  
A. *The twelve points of the Scout Law.*
15. Q. How were you and your companions bound together?  
A. *By a rope, which, until we took the Obligation, represented our tie to the Brotherhood.*
16. Q. How was your preparation for the Obligation completed?  
A. *Nutiket directed me to hold my right hand at the Scout sign and repeat the Obligation after Allowat Sakima.*

17. Q. Repeat the Obligation.

A. *I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. WIMACHTENDIENK, WINGOLAUCHSIK, WITAHEMU, which I have now received. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.*

18. Q. In what did Meteu then instruct you?

A. *In the legend upon which our Order is founded.*

19. Q. Who are the central figures of that legend?

A. *The aged Chicfain, Chingachgook, and his son, Uncas, who by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service, are said to have saved the Delaware lodges from annihilation.*

20. Q. What did Allowat Sakima then impart to you?

A. *The symbol and handclasp of the Order, the admonition and the sign of Ordeal membership.*

21. Q. What is the symbol of the Order?

A. *The arrow, whose undeviating course when aimed high is a token of leadership.*

22. Q. How is it worn?

A. *Pointing over the right shoulder.*

23. Q. Give me the handclasp of our Order.

A. *(Give it.)*

24. Q. How must the admonition always be given?

A. *Whispered in the ear.*

25. Q. What is the admonition?

A. *(Give it.)*

26. Q. What does it mean?

A. *To love one another.*

27. Q. What is the sign of the Ordeal?

A. *(Give it.)*

28. Q. What is the full name of our Order?

A. *Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemus.*

29. Q. In what language is it given?

A. *In the language of the Delaware Indians, the Lenni Lenape.*

30. Q. What is its meaning in English?

A. *The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.*

31. Q. Give the words (or sing) the Song of the Order.

A. *Firm bound in Brotherhood, gather the clan,  
That cheerful service brings to fellow man,  
Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link,  
That binds us in Brotherhood, Wi-mach-ten-dienk.*

NOTE: Copies of this questionnaire are available from the National Supply Service, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

NEWEAGLES

The Order of the Arrow would like to honor those who have reached the highest rank in scouting. As all of you know, a lot of hard work goes into this badge. The following brothers have received Eagle Awards since February 1, 1968: Walter Gibbons, Troop 3; Robert Fosdick, Troop 107; James Philips, Troop 154; and Thomas Farrell, Troop 158. The trail to Eagle is long and hard with many obstacles to overcome. All fellow Arrowmen not Eagles should aim high to receive this award. Take time out to congratulate these fine young men in our lodge who receive our praise this month.

SMILE, YOU MIGHT BE ON OUR FILM NEXT EDITION. Look out for the sneaky little photographers running around as if they were crazy (some of them are). At the coming up lodge functions beware and look your best.

#### 30th ANNIVERSARY ATTENDED (continued from page 1)

Koo Ku Hoo supplied entertainment and a cracker barrel. On and off during the day there was patch trading and making new friends. After Sunday morning breakfast we attended services in Monocan's lakeside chapel, or went to town for Catholic Mass. Later, we observed Koo Koo Ku Hoo's general meeting and election of officers. Then came lunch and departure for home, bringing with us memories of a wonderful week-end and lots of fun.

#### MR. DAVIS MOVES ON (continued from page 1)

shared by all of the really great Order of the Arrow Lodges.

His Brothers in Kecoughtan Lodge wish our former "Natami Gegeyjumhet" the best of luck and much success in his new

## 1967-1968 LODGE OFFICERS

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REC.-SEC.: Bruce Davidson - 427 Melville Rd, Hampton, Va. 23361 (722-2114)

COR.-SEC.: Cliff Sleeman - 207 Mistletoe Dr., Newport News, Va. 23606 (596-6169)

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## CHAIRMEN

COOKING: Danny Maston - 722-0229

UNIT ELEC.: Ray Dery - 877-3723

CEREMONIAL: Roger Mills - 596-7267

CAMPING PROM.: Larry Sutton - 826-0158

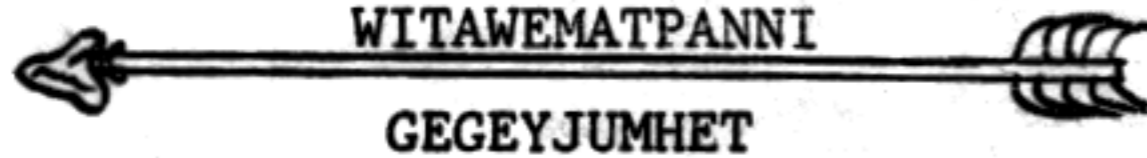
## NEW SCOUT EXECUTIVE ARRIVES

Peter M. Barbernitz arrived on March 1st as the new Peninsula Council Scout Executive. Mr. Barbernitz ("Pete" to all Scouters) came to us from service as Scout Executive of Mercer County Council, Sharon, Pennsylvania. He began his professional career in Norfolk as a Field Scout Executive in 1952. He brings with him his wife, Rita, who is an experienced den mother, three sons, and two daughters.

During his youth, Mr. Barbernitz was active in Cubbing and Scouting and passed into Scouter volunteer service on his eighteenth birthday. He is a long time Arrowman and friend of the Order. The Lodge is fortunate to have its new "Natami Gegeyjumhet" so well prepared for the exciting months ahead.

-IMPORTANT-

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES, NEWS, FEATURES, PICTURES, or CARTOONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE KECOUGHTAN KRYER IS MAY 29, 1968. The editorial staff welcomes all material, but must have time to work it into print. Anyone having any articles to be printed, please send them in so we can look over your ideas.



The Lodge is to be congratulated on the number of members who have been accepted for Camp Chickahominy Staff this summer. So far, 13 Kecoughtan Arrowmen have been signed up. Two more are possible. The list includes all of the elected officers except the Treasurer and of course does include the Lodge Camping Promotion Committee Chairman. It consists of 2 Vigil Honor, 8 Brotherhood, and 5 Ordeal members. They are: John Bishop, Tp 103; Donny Buck, Post 52; Walt Davies, College Reserve; Dale Lewis, Tp 82; Tommy Long, Tp 49; Bob Massie, Tp 345; John Moore, Tp 43; Cliff Sleeman, Tp 3; Chris Smith, Tp 43; Larry Sutton, Tp 57; Clyde Tennyson, Tp 56; Bruce Venable, Post 56; and Corky Whitehead; Tp 98 as well as possible Bruce Davidson, Tp 2; and Phil Sanders, Post 56.

Several of the other staff appointees are now candidates. Unfortunately, a few are not even at this stage. To me, this situation points up the reason for the change in membership quotas that went into effect this year, following their passage

at the 1967 National Order of the Arrow Conference. For sure, by the time a guy gets good enough for Cliff Nolan to ask him to join the merry band(its) of Camp Chickahominy's Staff, he has shown enough Scout expertness, Scouting spirit, and cheerful service to fellow men to qualify as an Arrowman. The fact that some have not been elected must mean that there was something wrong with the unit quota system. I, for one, hope that the new quotas will result in 100% Arrowmen summer camp staffs from here on out! It will be good for the camp, good for the Lodge, and especially good for the boys themselves.

Now for a short word about the June 14-15 Ordeal-Fellowship, "Come!" The present quotas should produce a bumper crop of Ordeal Candidates. Please remember that these are Fellowships, as well as Ordeals. We should all do our best to be there to improve our brotherhood ties with old friends and welcome the new Brothers to our ranks. Plan on it; put the dates on your calendar, now.

W. W. W.

*Bailey Tudor*  
The Lodge Adviser

#### DOUBLE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL

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 Scouting job. SIXTH, Month & year of your birth. SEVENTH, O.A. job, if any. EIGHTH, last digit of the year for which dues are paid.

IF ASTERISKS ARE IN ANY OF THE GROUPS(except group 7), THEY MEAN WE DO NOT HAVE ALL OF YOUR RECORD. THAT'S BAD!!!

Next check your name & address. Is your name spelled correctly? Do we show both of your initials? Is the address correct and complete, particularly the Z I P code?

HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED. Please send or phone corrections and information to replace those asterisks to your Recording Secretary, Bruce Davidson, 427 Melville Rd, Hampton, Va 23361, phone 722-2114.

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