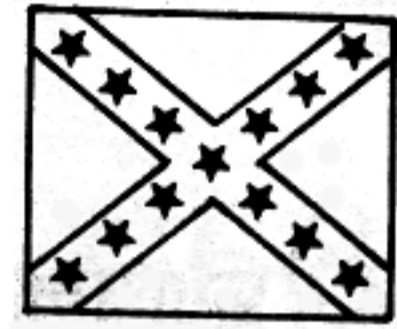
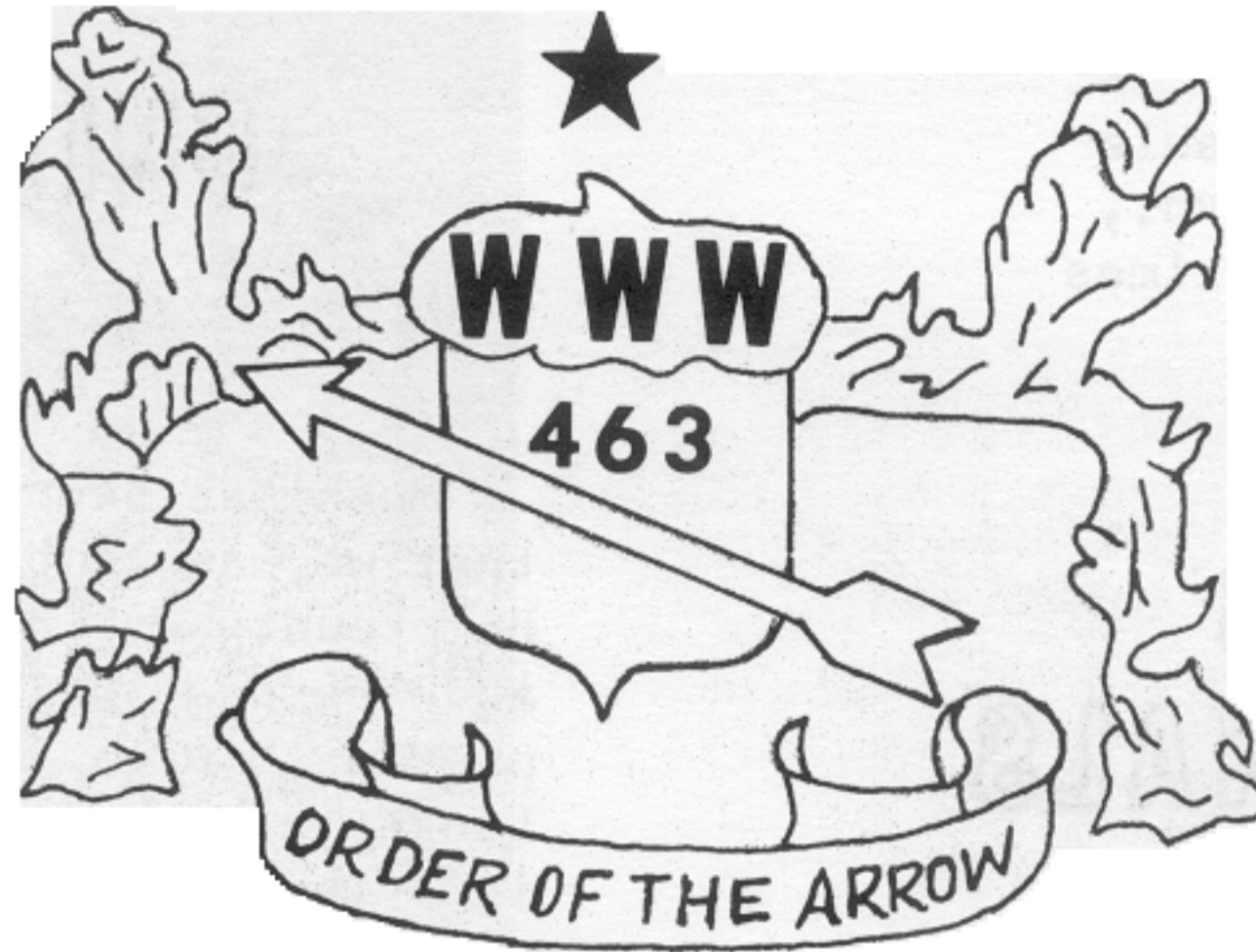
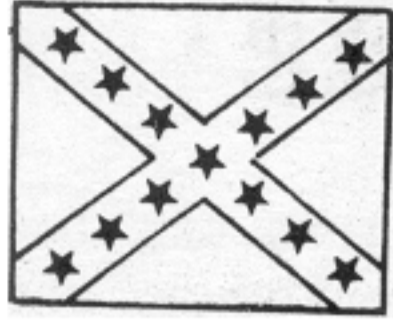


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"FROM THE LITTLE ACORN THE MIGHTY OAK TREE GROWS"

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Welcome brothers. Another summer brings us the Ordeals in which new members are inducted. Ordeal members receive their Brotherhood, and everyone has fun. You will probably notice many new things up at summer camp this summer. Camp Chickahominy is your camp. Take pride in it and help keep it clean this summer.

On this June Ordeal we will be having around 100 new candidates becoming new brothers in our lodge. As those present can see, we have a new type of meal ticket that we hope you will not lose. First work of the Order will be setting up tents on Friday night. Any left over, will be finished on Saturday morning. We will, for the most part, be working on the new O.A. Ceremonial Ring hidden somewhere at Camp Chickahominy. During Saturday, discussion groups will be held at the camp for all brothers. Saturday night the big event (the biggest that we have ever seen) of inducting the new members will take place in the O.A. Ring. Let's make this the best Ordeal we have ever seen.

POW-WOW '68

As some of you know, Kecoughtan Lodge sent a large delegation to Camp Powhatan the weekend of April 27-29. Friday morning we headed off for the western part of the state on a seven hour drive. We arrived there about 6:00 PM that evening. After getting set up and resting we looked over the camp trying to find where everything was. Saturday morning we all got up and had breakfast. After this Kecoughtan Lodge set up their display in front of the mess hall. After much hard work we got everything set up we put a tarp over our whole display just in case it might rain or something like that. Being the good scouts that we are, we were prepared for almost anything. Well, at 12:00 we had the opening ceremony and as soon as it was through, if not sooner, the bottom of the sky fell upon the mighty brothers of the Pow Wow. We sat hoping during lunch that it would stop, but it came down harder, if that was possible. After that, the discussion

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ATTENTION!!

We need desperately ANYONE who would like to be a cartoonist or photographer for the KRYER this summer and next year. Help your lodge and learn something that can help you in later years.

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Have any of you Scouts ever wondered whether you would stay in scouting in years to come? Scouters, can you look back over these past years and remember all of the self-satisfying things you have accomplished? We can probably all say that you can get something from Scouting. But just what is it? Fun, friends, new skills? It might not be something that you can put into words, but you know it has been good. As I look back on Philmont and Schiff, I can remember the fun, friends and the new skills that I learned. But then, there is a feeling that I want to share all these things that I have learned. Becoming a professional scouter or a Scoutmaster might be one way. But what about those who already have vocations planned for life. You still might become a part time Scoutmaster (hardly a part time job). Now what about those who are below twenty-one? Being a good scout is a good start. Doing your part in your troop and also the Order of the Arrow is a way to do this. Those new members in our lodge I welcome and also give them the same chance to spread the Boy Scout knowledge they have learned. You can start off right by joining a committee and through that you will help spread scouting through one of the O.A.'s branches. Because of the large number of brothers coming into the lodge, there should not any longer be a lack of people for any committees or special events. This also means that the Pow-Wow delegation will have to be more selective when we take in applications next winter. We like to recommend that

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CHIEF'S TEPEE



Much has been happening in our lodge that we, as members of the lodge, should be proud. Our newsletter's first place and the display's first place have proven to Area IIIC that Kecoughtan Lodge is a great Lodge. The work put into these areas has been done only by a select few who seem to appear whenever there is work to be done. The lodge lacks the support of the majority and a select few run the lodge. The Beaver Parties at Camp Chickahominy proved to me that those who are now in Kecoughtan Lodge, with the exception of a few, should never have been elected into our proud order. Our new candidates seem to contain a large number of willing workers, and maybe, with these new Arrowmen Kecoughtan Lodge can be fully supported.

I have not given up hope yet. The Spring Ordeal is planned, and your support and cheerful service will do much to strengthen your lodge.

LODGE CHIEF,
CHRIS SMITH

everyone join a committee or even two. If after the June Ordeal you still are not on a committee, and this goes for old members also, call or get in touch with one of the chairmen. We have Cooking, Unit Elections, Ceremonial (dance team), and Camping Promotions committees. But let us not forget the other one. Yes, newsletter staff also needs you (as you could see by the pleas in this issue). Pick the ones that you feel you might do the most good in, and help keep KECOUGHTAN LODGE the great lodge that it is. All of you have been elected into the O. A. You are expected to work; so lets see what Arrow power can get Kecoughtan Lodge and the Peninsula Council for the coming year.

POW WOW '68



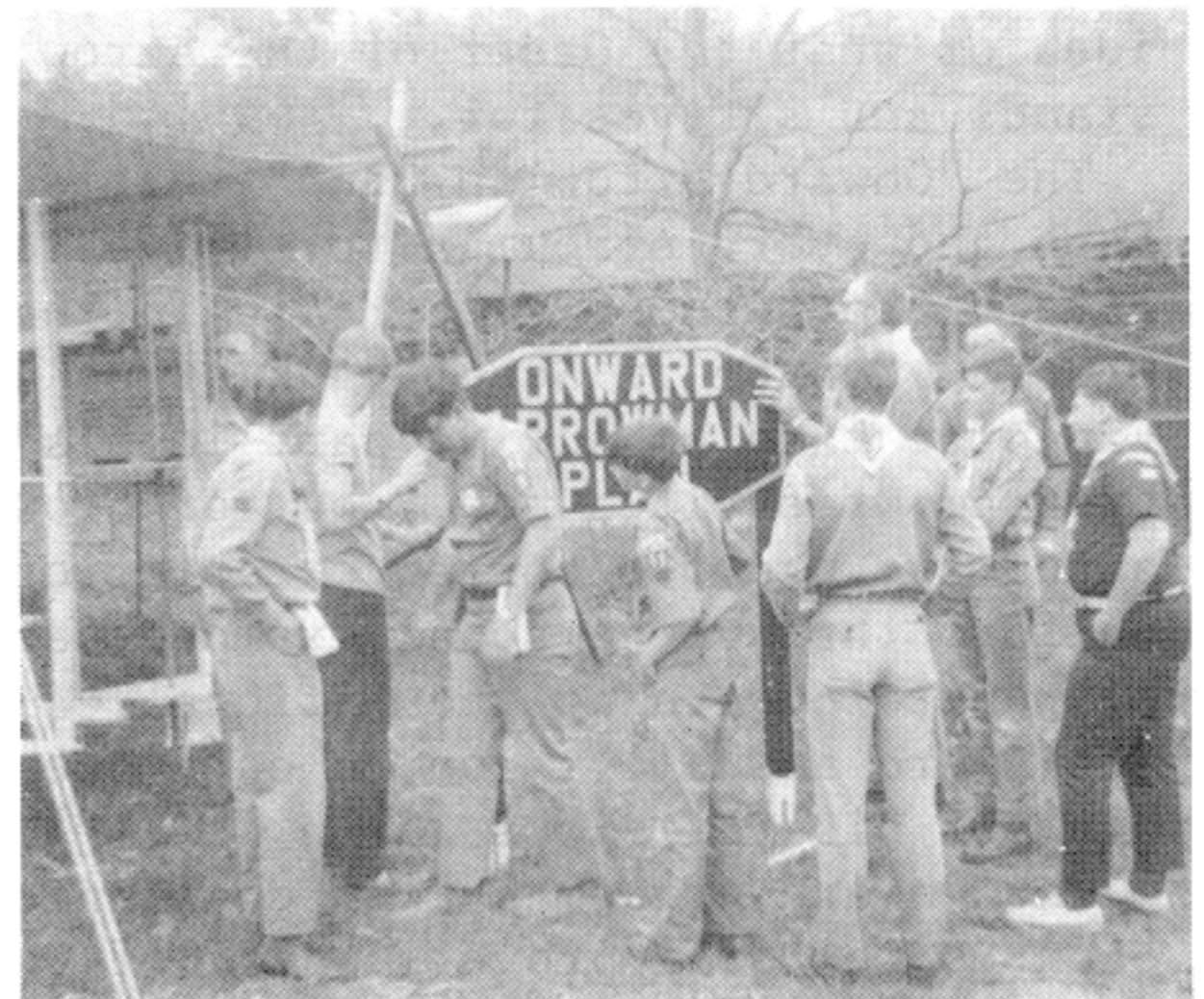
Our Editor, Cliff Sleeman, receives the plaque for the best area newsletter for the past year from past Area III C Chief Tom Hughes as new Area Chief Peter Osina watches.



The Kecoughtan delegation assembles to leave for the Pow Wow Friday morning.



Most everyone worked on the Lodge display.



The Onward Arrowman Plan display placed first in Area III C.



(Left) Camp Powhatan's dining hall served double duty for eating and meeting for the entire weekend. Rained-out displays were set up there Saturday and patch trading filled the hours between.



At the Peninsula Council's 1968 Scout O-Rama the Camping Promotions Committee of the lodge set up and manned a miniature Camp Chickahominy on the Scout-O-Rama grounds. The campsite that was displayed was a Patrol Site from Summer Camp that included everything that a Patrol would use during the week at camp with their troop. Also, this display gave the general public a peek as to what the Scouts do at Summer Camp.

Also, as a part of the Camping Promotions Booth we displayed two of the four segments of our First Place award winning "Onward Arrowman Plan". This display was presented at the 1968 Area III C Pow Wow held at Camp Powhatan in April. The two segments that were displayed at the Scout-O-Rama were the Personal Quest, giving the aims of each Arrowman, and the Lodge Quest, giving the aims and goals of the Lodge. These two sets of posters gave the public an idea of what the Order of the Arrow stands and strives for.

The "Onward Arrowman Plan" challenges each and every Arrowman to strive to: attain Brotherhood Membership in the Order; advance in Scout rank or as an Explorer take an active part in his post program; recruit a new Scout or Scouter annually; promote correct wearing of the uniform through personal example; assist his unit in earning the National Camping Award annually; and to earn the emblem of his religious faith.

The Onward Arrowman Plan challenges each Lodge to: improve support of Council Camping and Conservation Committees; strive to perpetuate American Indian Culture; develop a training program for new lodge officers; promote leadership in younger boys; provide visual aids for camp promotion; compile an up-to-date "Where-to-go-Camping" booklet;

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NEW EAGLES

It is with regret, that we report that there were no Eagles in the months of April and May.

All you Star and Life Scouts try harder to get your Eagle. Only about 2% of all Scouts reach this high honored rank. You can be one of the 2%, if you try and work hard. You cannot get Eagle without doing some work, but it will be well worth your time.

publish regular lodge newsletters and bulletins; conduct O. A. elections in every eligible unit; maintain complete and current membership records; and implement revised membership requirements through the lodge program as they become effective.

These goals can be reached by our

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** ATTENTION KECOUGHTAN LODGE BROTHERS **

Those wishing to work on the KECOUGHTAN KRYER this summer or next year, please give your name to any on the newsletter staff or see Cliff Sleeman, IMPORTANT. ALL materials must be in to the newsletter staff no later than JULY 15, 1968. This will be the last edition for the old Editor, so anyone who has anything of interest, please send it in to make it one of our best newsletters yet.

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groups were supposed to begin. After leaving the camp under six inches of rain, the storm moved on to plague some other campers in the near-by area. Around dinner time the skys opened up to show the blue skys that were there all the time, just covered up by our own little storm. Just after dinner the dance team took off to get ready for the competitions. With the temperature below 30, the dance team of Kecoughtan Lodge started to dance two hours after the competitions started.

Kecoughtan Lodge did come back with honors though. In the newsletter competition, the KECOUGHTAN KRYER placed first place for Area IIIC, which includes all of Virginia, Washington D.C. and parts of other states. The Virginia Press Association said, "This newsletter ranked first in the improvement in its content and over-all appearance for this year. We hold that this is one of the most important factors of competition in that it is the wish of the Virginia Press Association to encourage each Lodge to improve its publication both in the quality, appearance, make-up and content.

"The use of pictures and good reproduction of the pictures was outstanding in this newsletter. Writing was excellent and the tone and content of the news columns indicated a very effective use of the newsletter to maintain interest in the activities of the Lodge and to encourage interest in the programs and membership generally."

The Lodge's display, which was set up at the Scout-O-Rama, won first place also in Area IIIC. Many different people had worked on this and the end product was very good. The Lodge had won this award a couple of years ago and we had to show the other lodges that we were around and still will be for some time to come.

KECOUGHTAN KRYER STAFF:

Cliff Sleeman, Tommy Long, John Gourley, Walt Gibbons, Larry Adams, Parke Jones

This understaffed, unpaid, overworked group of brothers have excelled in putting out a newsletter this year; and finally they are going to be noticed. Thanks also goes to those who have written articles for us. Two outstanding brothers are Larry Sutton and Roger Mills.

CHICKAHOMINY

'68

Wait until you see summer camp. Notice the marked changes since last year. Besides clearing roads and marking trails, a chapel is being built, shepherd stoves have sheet metal tops, a health lodge is going up, and water has been piped into the short term area. These improvements will make for a better year than even last year; so all you Scoutmasters be sure and sign up for your campsites. They are going fast. As of June 1, 1968, one campsite was left in the first week, two in the second week, two in the third week, three in the fourth week, none in the fifth week, and seven in the sixth week. This promises to be a fun summer at camp, but only if you are there. Much can be passed off there and much can be learned. Hope to see you there.

SCOUT-O-RAMA (continued from page 4)

lodge if, and only if each and every one of us strives to do his best to complete each one of these goals and take an active part in Lodge committees and functions to meet the Lodge Quest. Let's all work hard in the coming years to reach for these goals and to show everyone what the O.A. really stands for and what it does.

SUMMER ORDEAL-FELLOWSHIP SEP. 6-8

Under the change in membership quotas that went into effect this year following their passage at the 1967 National Order of the Arrow Conference, our lodge will have the largest quota of Pre-Ordeal members since ever before. As of May 4, 96 has been elected; since then it has expanded to around 150. We are expecting about 110 candidates at our June Ordeal, this means that we will have to have a large turnout of those brothers already in the lodge for this and the next Ordeal to help with all the work needed to be done. Bring all the brothers you know to the next Ordeal and lets make it even better than the Spring Ordeal.

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This issue of the Kryer will be distributed to the successful candidates at the crackerbarrel following their induction ceremony. My main message, therefore, is one of welcome.

I welcome these new brothers to their lodge. This group of Ordeal members will increase the size of the lodge by almost 50 per cent. By September 8th, the two 1968 Ordeals will have more than doubled our numbers. The present membership has built a solid foundation. But the future belongs to those who are coming in now. It is a law of nature that the old gives way to the new, that change is always with us.

In the Order of the Arrow we have always depended on the annual renewing of vitality and strength. It is an organization of boys, run by boys for Scouting, which is for all boys. It is another law of nature that boys grow up. Because of this, if for no other reason, the lodge must continually bring in and train for leadership new, younger boys.

There are other reasons for welcoming new members. You bring with you boldness and vision to keep the lodge in pace with the times. Your wearing of our insignia gives solid proof to those around you that camping skill and cheerful service does bring special recognition. Your actions as you live up to your Personal Challenge inspire others to follow you. Your achievements in answering the Lodge challenge benefit Scouting throughout the Peninsula Council. These and many more are good reasons for being glad you are one in our Brotherhood.

To the adults, I extend a special welcome and an invitation to use their membership as a major program tool in bringing better Scouting to boys. We have a special trust, those of us who wear the Arrow as adults. It is to inspire and guide and work to help boys help other boys become better prepared for the day when our world becomes their world.

Bailey Tucker
Lodge Adviser



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