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168 At WINTER ORDEAL in 200 Weather



Friday night registration kicked off one of the most successful Winter Ordeal Fellowships ever held by Kecoughtan Lodge. The weekend event had many moments of close brotherhood and lodge sharing in cheerful service.

There were many early arrivals at Camp Chickahominy. However, some more of us arrived late and had to pitch our tents in the dark. Pre-Ordeal ceremonies followed for the candidates. Returning from the ceremonies, the dance team joined the cracker barrel, a time for greeting old friends.

The weather Friday night tested the candidates endurance and the Brothers camping abilities with 20° cold. This measurement was made from inside of a tent. The Kryer Staff's own Rhonda Glenn was not about to put his hand outside the tent just to let you know it was really 18°.

SATURDAY
Saturday breakfast warmed us up with
plenty of HOT CHOCOLATE. Coordinated by a
new system, work began at 8:30. It was
considered 80% effective, in view of its
potential. But, in any event, more work
was accomplished than ever before including:
posting the new camp bell, painting camp
signs, laying a gravel patio around the
dining hall, cutting and splitting 6 chords
of wood, rerouting the drainage water
around the handicraft lodge, culvert repair
chapel path improvement, moving tent platforms and other preparations for the PowWow. (continued on p. 4)

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THE EDITOR'S
SMOKESIGNALS

My Brothers,

Too often we miss one of the basic principles of our Order. We are brothers in Scouting united for the same purpose - to promote Scout camping and help the Scouting movement. This means that within our lodge we must assist each other and moreover our committees must work together like a well oiled machine. Thus, when two or more committees work together there should be no friction as there often is.

On this basis I will attempt to classify the lodge members into three groups. First, the members who are always working for the betterment of the lodge. These people go out of their way to help you. They don't complain when asked to do something and can be counted on on short notice.

The next category I find don't go crazily out of their way to find work but come to an Ordeal and make a fine showing. This is where the majority and backbone of our lodge is.

The third group really puts me out. They include the people who come to an Ordeal just to disappear after breakfast. During the Winter they hibernate in their tents, and at the Spring and Summer Ordeals they browse through the various work parties critizing methods, bureaucracy and laziness. The other people in this group are well established in the lodge, but resent helping other people, do a job well enough to get by, and can't stand constructive critism.

Then we have another classification. He does not belong in any of the above. As a matter of fact he does not belong in the

Order of the Arrow. He is the one who deliberately took Dan Thompson's patches and did not return all of them. He has had his predecessors, but he is the rotten apple in the barrel now, making things tough for everyone else.

We need to get away from the third group and eliminate the fourth, and come out of our self-centered cocoon and see what we - you and I - can do to help one another and our fine organization. Which group do you put yourself in? What group would others put you in? Think about it.

Yours in Brotherhood, Bruce Robinson Netami Lehiket

FROM THE CHIEF'S

TEPEE

My Worthy Brothers,
I call you worthy because you are

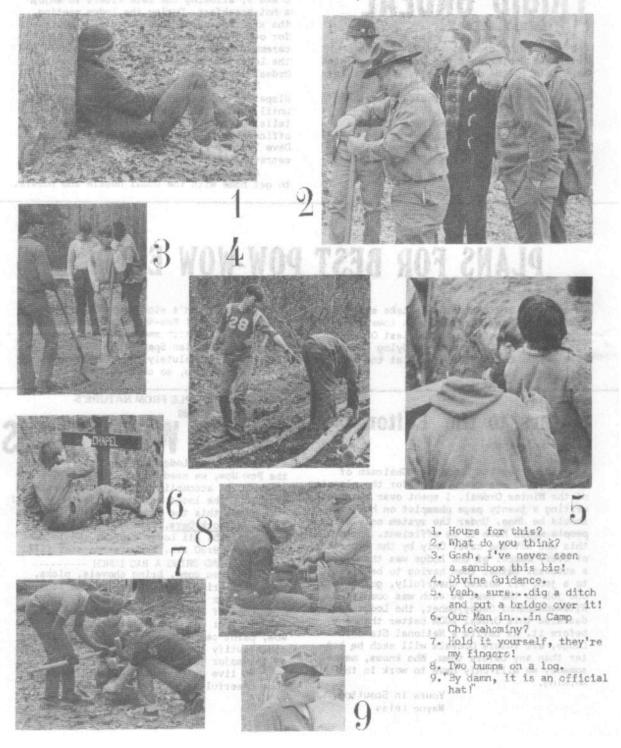
worthy of much praise because of the fantastic job 200 of you did at the Winter Ordeal. I can only be very proud to be associated with such dedicated workers. Thank You very much.

Although much was accomplished at camp during the Ordeal, I must encourage the systematic, through camping promotions effort that has already gotten underway.

The new Camping Promotions Committee Chairman, our past Vice-Chief, Steve Garber, is initiating an intense program to visit every troop this year. Although we will earn our National Standard Lodge status for the fourth year in the row, although we will have done countless manhours of work at camp, although we will have inducted a number of new members into the Kecoughtan Lodge this year, WE STILL MUST BE SUCCESSFUL IN CAMPING PROMOTIONS. Help Steve by calling him at 838-8730, now. Thanks.

Yours in Pride for Kecoughtan Lodge, Sam Fairchild Netami Sakima

WINTER ORDEAL-COOL, WET, AND WILD



FRIGID ORDEAL

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Following dinner, and due to the rain, the Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies were held in the dining hall. Both for the candidates and the brothers, these two fine ceremonies were a highlight of the weekend.

After the ceremonies came the Welcome cracker barrel, followed by the patch auction. Included in the auction were many fine patches donated by our visiting Brothers from the Blue Heron Lodge. Sunday breakfast was served between 8 and 9, allowing the late risers to enjoy a hot breakfast. During the lodge meeting, the significance of the Ordeal was reviewed for our new members. In addition to the ceremony review by Kichkinet and remarks by the Lodge Lay Advisor, a film strip on the Ordeal was shown.

The sun peaked through as th lodge dispersed to chapter meetings which lasted until lunch. (See Chapter chatter for details) Of note is the election of new officers by Kiskiack; Gary LeBlanc, Chiæf, Dave Tudder, Vice-Chief, and Kevin Newman, secretary-treasurer.

After lunch, everyone seemed in a hurry to get home with the usual hussle and bussle.

FROM THE LITTLE ACORN GROWS

PLANS FOR BEST POW-WOW EVER

Things are beginning to take shape for the Pow-Wow. Much progress towards our goal was achieved at the last Ordeal. The Camp still needs much readying for this event. Come out and help at the Beaver Work Days.

If you haven't signed up for a committee, get going! Pow-Wow staffers receive a full packet, patch and all. Drop everything and call Alan Spaulding(596-8938)-NOW! This is absolutely your last chance. We won't call you, so call us.

Letters to the Editor

(we only had one) Dear Eddie,

Being Service Committee Chairman of the Lodge, I was responsible for the planning of the Winter Ordeal. I spent over two months writing a twenty page phamplet on how it should be done. Under the system only a few people would have to be efficient. Fortunately, this was not the case. Only by the expertize of every member of the Lodge was the Ordeal a success. Rather than having to be directed to a job, all worked cheerfully, going from one job to the next as each was completed. Witawematpanni Gegeyjumhet, the Lodge Advisor, declared this Ordeal 200% better than any before it. As befits a National Standard Lodge, all future Ordeals will each be better than any before them. Who knows, maybe someday we will only have to work in the morning.

Yours in Scouting, Wayne Leiss LODGE TAKES EXAMPLE FROM NATURE'S.
HARD WORKER, PLANS

BEAVER WORK DAYS

Before our Lodge can adequately host the Pow-Wow, we need to prepare Camp Chickahominy. To accomplish this it is necessary that YOU, the lodge members get out and work!

To do this the Lodge has set up 4 days as Beaver Work Days, Feb. 26, March 4 & 18, and April 15. All Lodge members should meet at Camp at 8:30 a.m. and plan to stay till 4:00 p.m. AND BRING A BAG LUNCH

When you come, bring shovels, picks, axes, etc. Bring what you can and we'll find

Some use for it.

Some of the outstanding jobs we need to take on are: set up mobile lighting for Pow-Wow, paint camp signs, repair the latrines, and beautify the Chapel. These are just some of the major jobs that need doing.

So live up to your O.A. oath devote some cheerful service to the Lodge.

You will want to detach and save. Post on your bulletin board. Keep by phone for handy reference. Detach and Save!!!!!!

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KISKIACK

The resignation of Clark Nickerson necessitated Chapter elections. The new chapter officers are: Gary Leblanc, Chief, Dave Tudder, Vice-Chief, and Kevin Newman, Secretary-Treasurer. We plan to have a Chapter meeting March 12, you will receive a notice in the mail. There was a Chapter Executive Committee meeting on February 17. For all you people with broiler pans, call Kevin Newman at 874-2187.

LOWANEU ALLANQUE

We're planning a meeting around March lst. At this meeting we will discuss a chapter patch, chapter by-laws, and the formation of a chapter dance team. We will also consider changing the name of our Chapter.

Our Unit Elections and Camping Promotions teams have made several visits. Also, Mr. Andy Blair has become Chapter Adviser, He is the Scoutmaster of Troop 112 at Camp Peary.

PAMUNKEY

Our Chapter will attend the March 18th Beaver Day as a Chapter. You will receive Chapter hours for this Beaver Day. You need sixteen hours for each extra patch. They cost \$3.50 and we have twenty-five left. We also have twenty-five wall plaques at \$2.00 each.

For a Camping Promotions demonstration, contact Mike Barroso, 851-0610. If you would like a Unit Election, contact Mike Lovell, 851-1935.

Keep our Chapter No. 1! Andy.

WENDAMEN

Wendamen Chapter held the first Tap-Out in its history at a troop campout in January. Because of the enthusiasm present on the Tap-Out, the Chapter has voted to form a Ceremonial Committee. Richard Debolt will serve as Chairman of the new committee. All members of the Northern Star Chapter are encouraged to make sure that their name is with Richard or one of the other committee chairman. Roger Buck is the chairman of the Camping Promotions Committee and DoughFitchett is head of Unit Elections. Hurry and sign up with one of these committees.

Lee

PATCH AUCTION



The Patch Auction with auctioneer Mr. Dan Thompson made \$172.00! The money will go toward the Area III-C Pow-Wow packet costs.

This record breaking auction included several patches donated by our visiting Brothers from Blue Heron Lodge. One of these patches, a Blue Heron backpack patch brought the highest bid of \$20.00.

Amoung the exciting items auctioned off were several "sandwitch" packages that included surprises such as hours slips and in one case a flap patch. Thanks to everyone for their contributions and bids!

The Cooking Committee requests that any person interested in participating as a waiter in the 1972 Pow-Wow, please contact Bob Boesewetter, 764-3535 or Mr. Del George, no later than March 5th, 1972. This will be a weekend of work and fun, mostly work. Let's help keep out lodge No. 1! We need good and willing workers.



Every now and then, someone asks me, "Why do you spend so much time on Scouting?" I always have a ready answer. It may be that I believe it to be the second most powerful force for good that God ever put on the earth; it may be that I enjoy seeing the changes for the better that happens to boys in Scouting over the years; or it may be that every man must have a hobby and Scouting is mine.

But I seldom get a chance to show such a "left-handed" critic my real, gut reason for being a devoted Scouter. You see, they have not had the chance to see what you, My Brothers, have seen; an Order of the Arrow Ordeal/Fellowship weekend.

They have never witnessed, as I did on Saturday, February 12, the absolutely beautiful sight of some 200 volunteer boys and adults working together in perfect harmony as Brothers in service to others. They have never experienced the trill of seeing young men grasp responsibility and organize a service day like Wayne Leiss did for the first time that day. They have never been a part of the thing that really binds me to Scouting: Kecoughtan Lodge, Order of the Arrow!

> Bailey Tudder, The Lodge Adviser

Are you 18 years old (or older)? Are you a registered voter? Are you going to vote?

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