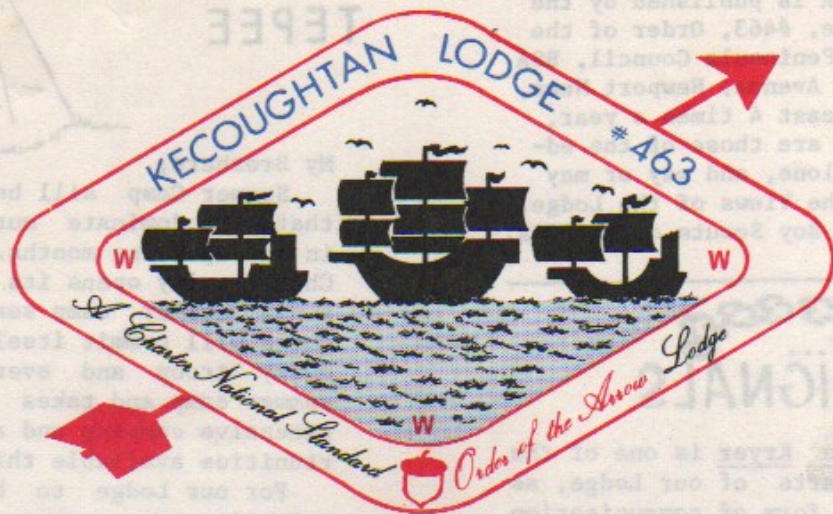


KECOUGHTAN KRYER



FEBRUARY, 1976

• FROM THE TINY ACORN, THE MIGHTY OAK GROWS •

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"COOL" TIME AT ORDEAL

"25 Years of Leadership" seemed a fitting theme for the 1976 Winter Ordeal of Kecoughtan Lodge, as 23 new Ordeal members took their Obligation from the Chief of the Fire on a beautiful but chilly February night. The E. Bailey Tudder Scout Campership fund recieved a \$350 boost, as brothers, both new and old, gave of their hearts and wallets at the annual patch auction. And, Service was the watchword of the day: Chickahominy had never seen such care and treatment in many years!

Vice-Chief, Bill Irwin, seemed very pleased with the results of the induction. Our new Ordeal members, 23 strong, can be proud of their success, braving temperatures near 10 degrees to test their sincerity of purpose. And, the ceremonial grounds saw the induction of 13 new Brotherhood members.

Head Auctioneer, Dan Thompson, gave quite a performance as he coaxed a substantial addition to the Lodge's trust fund to send underprivileged Scouts to Chickahominy in the summer.

And - the SERVICE. Norman Effinger
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INDIAN SEMINAR

All those interested and / or active in Indian Ceremonies and Dancing should look into this year's SE 1 Indian Seminar. It will be held March 26, 27 and 28th at Quantico Marine Base near Washington, D.C. and hosted by Amangameck Wipit Lodge #470.

Experts from all over the Mid-Atlantic Seaboard will be giving instruction for improving dances and ceremonies.

Also, the Council of Chiefs and the NAC (Newsletter Advisory Committee) will meet during the Seminar. If you are interested, contact Rone Baldwin.

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FROM THE FOREST... SMOKESIGNALS

Brothers;

The Kecoughtan Kryer is one of the most important parts of our Lodge, as it is the main form of communication within the organization. To meet this responsibility, we have organized a working staff of twelve. With this

can produce a high-quality

However, we are in need of

if you can help, please

itors Tom and Dicky Wiggs.

need to hear from you, the

Lodge, to tell us what

you would like to see in the Kryer. We want to include more troop news, and the only way that we can do this is if you send it in. Your letters will help us tremendously, and will enable us to produce a better newsletter.

Another new development is that the Kryer will carry announcements of new Eagle Scouts of the Peninsula Council. However, in the upcoming issues, we miss your name, write us a letter including your name, date of award, and troop number.

The Kryer will provide these services and many more as we strive to produce the best newsletter in SE 1!

Tom Wiggs
Co-Editor

THE CRYSTAL BALL
UP AND COMING EVENTS
INDIAN SEMINAR AND COUNCIL OF CHIEFS
March 26-28, 1976
SECTION SE 1 CONCLAVE
May 14-16, 1976
SPRING ORDEAL
June 11-13, 1976
25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT
September 17-19, 1976

FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



My Brothers;

Summer Camp will be the two words that will dominate our lodge program in the upcoming months. Until our Camp Chickahominy opens its gates in June to a new summer camp season, Kecoughtan Lodge will commit itself to ensure that every troop and every scout attends summer camp and takes advantage of the extensive camping and advancement opportunities available this year.

For our Lodge to be successful in promoting summer camp, all Arrowmen must perform the following tasks:

(1) Attend summer camp. You, as an Arrowman are the most skillful and devoted of campers in your troop. Other Scouts look up to you. By attending summer camp, you set an example for the rest of your troop to follow.

(2) Urge every member of your troop to attend summer camp. Describe the unique advancement opportunities available at summer camp to each Scout in your troop.

(3) Participate in your Chapter's summer camp promotions program. Our new Lodge camping promotions chairman, Kevin Kipper, is working with the chapters to create a troop visitation program that will describe what summer camp is all about. You can help by first, contacting your chapter camping promotions chairman to schedule a visitation for your troop. Second, join a chapter visitation team to bring this program to other troops. Call your chapter camping promotions chairman. He needs YOUR help.

The success of summer camp rests on our lodge's shoulders. Only if every Arrowman participates in promoting summer camp can our lodge carry out its responsibility and ensure a successful season at Camp Chickahominy,

In Brotherhood

R. Rone Baldwin

Rone Baldwin
Lodge Chief.

XMAS BANQUET

The 1975 Kecoughtan Lodge Christmas Banquet was, as usual, a tremendous success. After a delicious dinner featuring Fried Chicken and BBQ the Scouts Scouters and Fathers were treated to a Bicentennial Slide Show. This show was a three screen presentation and covered American History from 1776 to 1975.

ORDEALFREEZEREE

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and his group constructed a much-needed truck turn-around behind the mess hall, while Drew Smith and Gary McSmith clanned their Ordeal Candidates at an erosion-hampered site near shower-house 2. Larry Armstrong led the remaining candidates in a cot-fixing, board-prying escapade at the warehouse. Another crew, with Dee Crisp at the helm, placed railroad ties behind the Administration building and assisted the dump-trucks in leveling off the athletic field. Steve Wilson, led by his group, saved site 7 from erosion and placed a few ties on the waterfront.

Induction. Fund-Raising. Service. Oh; and one other thing - Fellowship! Yes, the 1976 Winter-25th Anniversary -Ordeal was a bright star in a cold February night.

THE LODGE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS--

Wythe Exchange Club of Hampton, Va.....
(for the donation of two 15' aluminum Grumman Canoes for the waterfront)

President: James Connelly.

Section - B Lions Club.....
(for the donation and instillation of a 4000 gallon water tank in camp)

Schertle Pools of Newport News, Va.....
(for the use of 2 dumptrucks for land-fill and maintenance work around camp.)

President: Joseph Schertle.

The United States Army, Fort Eustis, Va
(for the use of 2 dumptrucks and the work on the recreational field at camp)

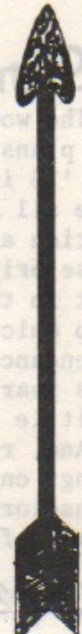
Coordinator: Col. Mantooth.

and, to our friend Cassius.

✓ Welcome and Congratulations

NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS

- Denis Bedington
- Edwin Brown
- Kevin Cofod
- Steve Coupland
- David Degrace
- Joseph Devincentis
- John Heintz
- Chris Hilliard
- Theodore Huggins
- William Kearney
- Mike Mabe
- Mike McDonald
- Henry Moore
- John Richard
- Lerente Rodriguez
- Robert Russell
- Thomas Russell Jr.
- John Schopfield
- Billie Stout
- William Strickland
- Robert Valcourt
- Michael Zink



NEW BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

- George Bains
- Scott Baumann
- William Beldin
- Cameron Bowman
- John Carter
- Dee Crisp
- Nick DiMeglis
- Tim Ewing
- Bob Langston
- William Price
- Mauri Shokey
- Eddie Vincent

NEW VIGIL HONOR MEMBERS

- William Irwin
- Joesph Carroll
- William Leighty
- Edward White



CAMPING PROMOTION



Summer Camp

The word is Chickahominy '76, and the plans look great. Does Chickahominy '76 include you and your troop? We urge all Arrowmen to look at their Obligation and renew their committment to these principles by serving their home unit in the best way possible - support Camp Chickahominy in both promotion and attendance! Urge every Scout to attend this year, as the Bicentennial will add a little extra flavor to the program.

And, remember - there are still openings on the '76 staff, especially for Counselors-in-Training. Contact Pete Simmons for more information (595-3356)

backpacking with bruce

In the last couple months, the growing popularity of backpacking and the advances in equipment and food have made the trails crowded with sophisticated backpackers. Shenendoah National Park has followed the lead of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and several others by closing shelters and restricting camping to permit only.

While one can see the necessity of these measures, it still makes hiking and camping less enjoyable and definitely harder for hikers of the lod school like myself who still buy their food at the A & P, measure the weight of their packs in pounds, not ounces, and hike less than forty miles in a day. There are still places to go. Shenendoah Park is still one of my favorites. However, one has to look at the map closely and choose abandoned trails and 2nd rate paths far from the road.

The Appalachian Trail along the Blue Ridge Parkway is not yet crowded. While it goes to lower elevations in several places, it still offers some great hiking for basic soft-core, happy-go-lucky

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FROM
THE
**COOK'S
KORNER**

POCKET STEW

Each person brings a handful of cleaned and cut-up vegetables, meat, etc. in a piece of tin foil or a plastic bag.

Fry onions and bacon (if any) together in pot; add a little water and any meat and vegetables. Simmer slowly until done. (A few bullion cubes will improve the flavor).

(per person).

FELLOW BROTHERS, JOIN WITH US

IT IS WITH THE UPTMOST PRIDE, CONGRATULATIONS, AND WARM FRIENDSHIP, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF KECOUGHTAN LODGE, #463, ORDER OF THE ARROW, EXTEND THE HAND OF BROTHERHOOD TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE:

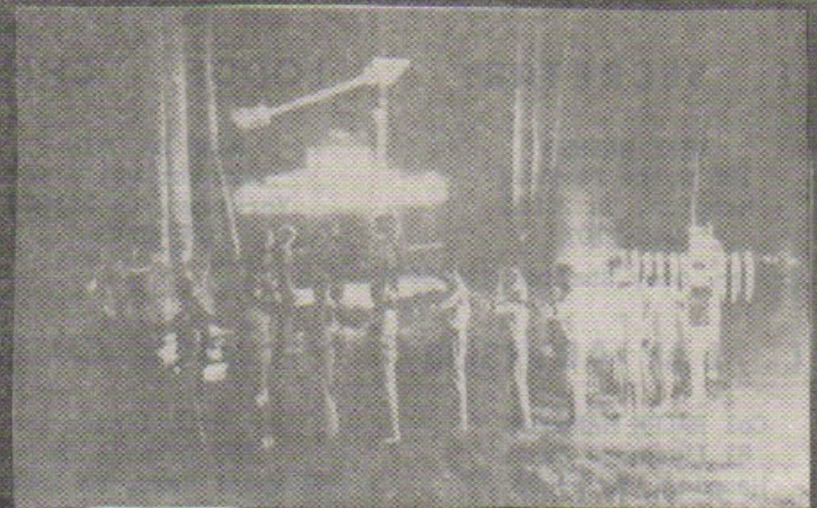
'75 25th ANNIVERSARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Mr. Walter F. Deal, Jr.

We Wish You Many More Years Of Cheerful Service In the Betterment Of Scouting.

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Mattaponi A-rowmen,

For those of you whose dues are not paid-up, I would remind you that dues finance a major portion of our lodge's program. Pay as soon as possible (DUES MAY BE PAID AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE).

We regret to announce that Mr. Tom Wakelyn is no longer our Chapter Advisor. Mr. Dan Thompson will replace him.

The Mattaponi Messenger is on the way. Watch for it!

Wendamen

CHIEF - PETER ZAHN - 693-4329

Our Unit Elections have been going strong since the latter part of January.

The Chapter Ceremonial Team will perform a tapout ceremony at the Winter Camporee at the end of the month.

Camping Promotions is beginning to make their rounds to troops in our area including the new troops.

Kiskiack

CHIEF - LARRY ARMSTRONG - 596-8452

For the 25th Anniversary year, Kiskiack Chapter is going to totally reorganize several vital committees, including the Telephoning and Camping Promotions Committees. This is so we can better serve our district.

We are striving for 100 % unit elections and camping promotion activities, and with your help, I am sure we can achieve these goals.

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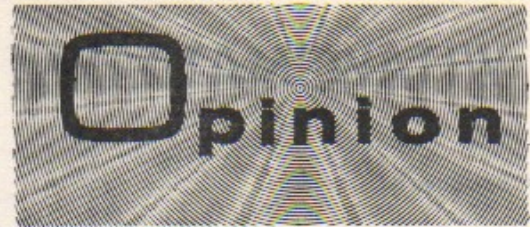
CHIEF - GARY McSMITH - 723-8553

Congratulations to our new brothers who earned the ARROW at the Winter Ordeal. Their names are included below:

WELCOME TO THE CLAN!

Mr. Richardson
Bill Curry
Robert Russoc
John Heinz
Kevin Cofer

John Scofield
Mr. Steelers
Terry Rodriguez
Chris Hillard
Mr. Russell



Fellow Brothers;

It has come to my attention that many of you are finding fault with the food on the Ordeals. Now, we all know that (for five dollars), we eat pretty well. A lot of you seem to find fault with the cooking staff: however, this scout feels that the cooking committee does a bang-up job for the budget that they work with. (Although, in jest, I complain a great deal, I personally find the food good, and filling).

As for the purpose of this opinion column, the Kryer staff expects a large amount of feedback on this issue. We ask for suggestions, complaints, and recipies; all of which should make easier the lob of the cooking committee.

Bob Langston,
Layout Editor

Kecoughtan Attends Ceremonial Training

On the weekend of February 13-15, a contingent of lodge members traveled to Camp Durant in sunny North Carolina, and took part in a training seminar on the Order of the Arrow induction sequence as guests of Occonechee Council and Lodge #104.

Participating in this most informative event from Kecoughtan Lodge, brothers Drew Smith, Kevin Kipper, Jay Brown, and Col. Ralph Hanchin have returned with many new ideas and policies for our own Ordeals.

Trainers covered in depth the inter-relationships between all of the lodge groups and how these affect the Ordeal candidates. Also, some emphasis was placed on the progressive symbolism from the election (including the tapout and introduction to the Order) to the Ordeal itself, the ten months of development, the brotherhood, and service beyond.

Our representatives had a great time, and learned a great deal.

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GEGEYJUMHET

My Brothers;

Many of us waste too much of our lives searching for something we can do -something that has meaning, relevancy- and after looking far and wide, we find acres of diamonds right under our noses.

Kecoughtan Lodge is such an acre of diamonds, providing a meaningful program one can sink his teeth into, know he is accomplishing a relevant service, and is growing in stature in the one way that virtually guarentees one the feeling of reward derived form cheerful service oriented towards others.

Become completely involved, my Brothers. It is not too early to start your 25th Anniversary Scorecard. It is not too early to be working for your 60th Anniversary Award. Do you like Indian Dancing? Would you like to help

your Ceremonial Team? Do you wish to help build our Lodge 25th Anniversary Historical Trail? Can you contribute in any way to our Lodge Historical 25th Anniversary Phamplet? There is room for all of us to work in programs now currently under way, and there is room for fresh ideas for more programs. So, attend Lodge and Chapter functions and offer your services.

Is the cost of the Lodge's functions too steep for you? If you really want to pay your own way, but cannot find work, call me at home (838-1291) for an appointment. I can help any serious-minded young man earn enough income, part-time, to cover all his expenses in our program and more.

Yours in WWW;
Ralph Hanchin
Lodge Advisor

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