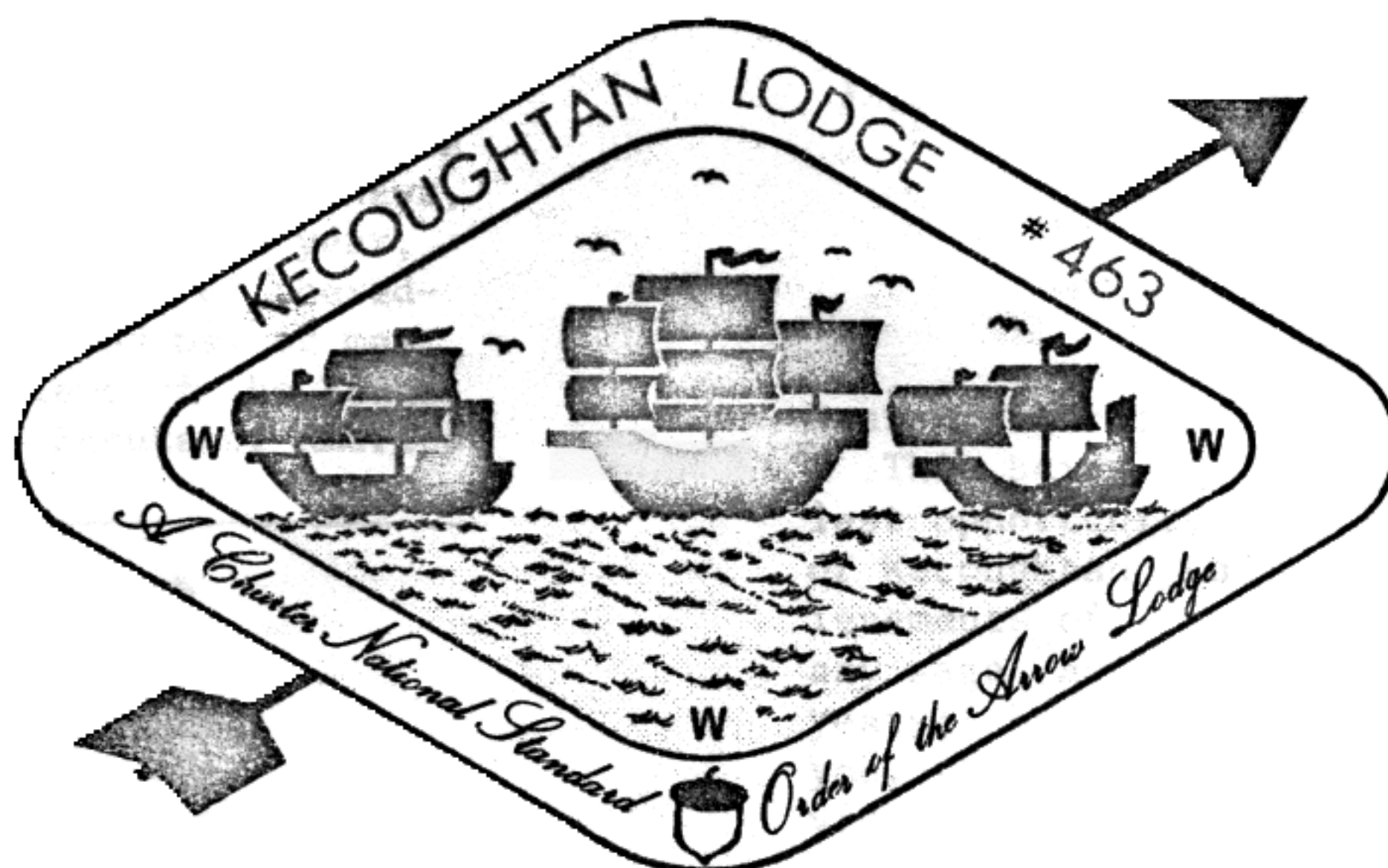


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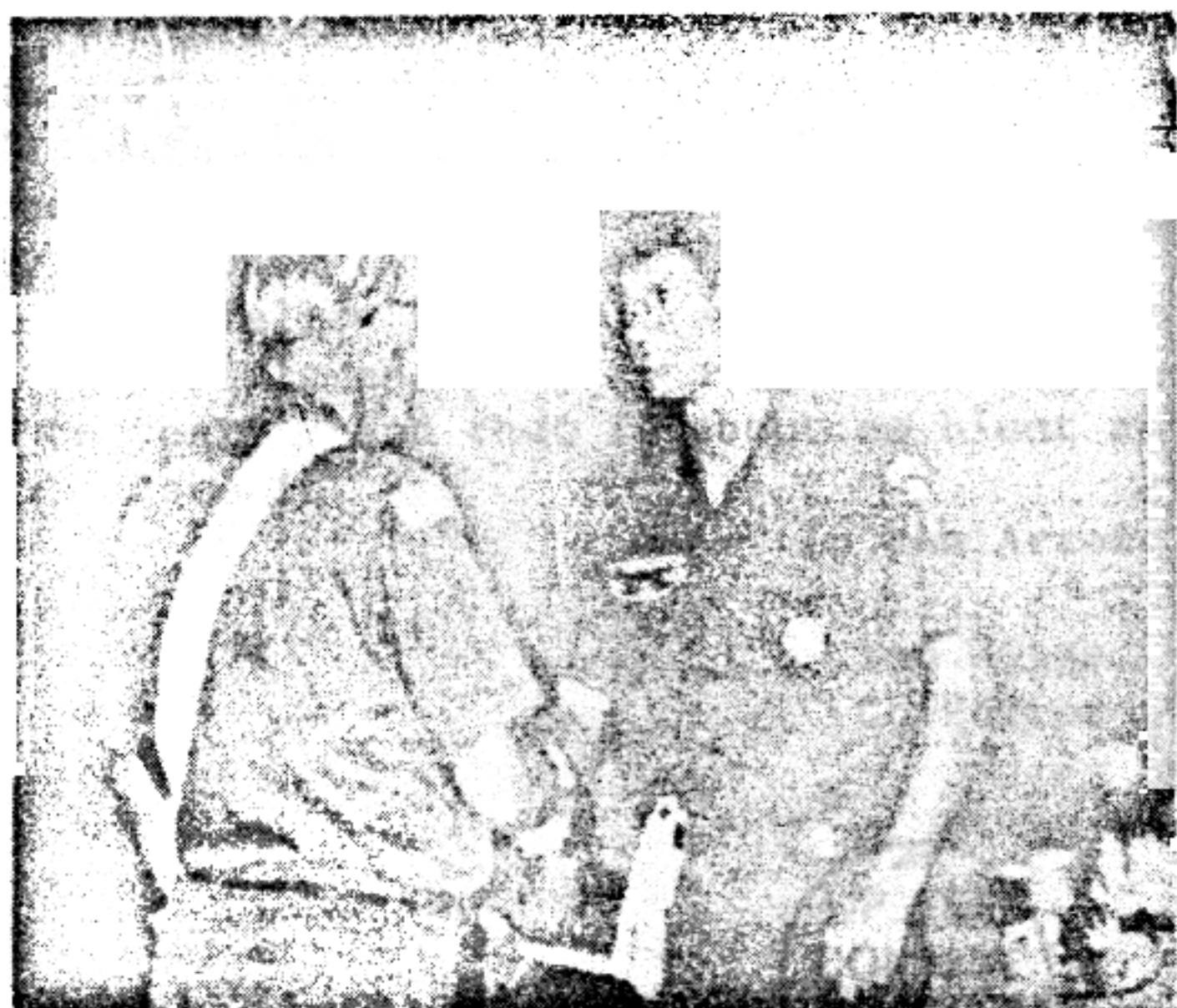
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• FROM THE TINY ACORN THE MIGHTY OAK GROWS •

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TAKES OFFICE AT SPRING ORDEAL

IRWIN PREVAILS IN ELECTIONS.



Kecoughtan Brothers, voting at the Spring Ordeal, chose Bill Irwin to serve as Lodge Chief in the 76-77 year over strong contender Gary McSmith. Elections culminated the pre-summer event where 125 lodge members watched 33 Ordeal Candidates complete their induction and 17 brothers seal their membership in the Order. Diligent service resulted in a polished Chickahominy, and readied the camp for the Summer season.

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SEPTEMBER 17-19, -1976

ANNIVERSARY NEARS

Again the KRYER is pleased to report on the 25th Anniversary plans. George Bains tells us that the formal invitation for the Celebration (September 17 - 19, put it on your calendars NOW) will go out to lodge Brothers by the middle of July. Organizing the event is going along well, and he plans to give a complete report to the membership in the next issue of the KRYER²

Speaking of such, the August issue will be devoted to the 25th Anniversary, and will spell out all the opportunities for Brothers in this milestone year. Keep your eyes on the mailbox, as next issue will be one you will want to keep.

So make plans now to attend the event, & remember your Anniversary Award Requirements.

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FROM THE FOREST... SMOKESIGNALS

Fellow Brothers;

I would like again to take this chance to air my views.

In obvious response to food complaints by several of our Brothers, the Cooking Committee has retaliated with the best Chickahominy meal to hit the tables in the Dining Hall in the history of the camp. The Ordeal fee was up slightly, but I hope that all the members in attendance will agree that it was well worth it.

I again emphasize to all of you the dire necessity that you attend the lodge events. The lack of strong participation is hurting the effectiveness of our Brotherhood greatly. I would like to ask that you go forth to your fellow Brothers and promote greater Lodge spirit and participation for this, our 25th year. And that is about as blunt as I can state it.

In the Arrow:

Tom Wiggs
Co-Editor



THE CRYSTAL BALL
UP AND COMING EVENTS.....

REGION TRAINING CONFERENCE. JULY 30-AUGUST 1.
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FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



Dear Brothers;

This being the last Chief's Teepee and my last opportunity to address the membership of Kecoughtan Lodge - I will not list achievements of a successful year nor dole out any sage advice for our Lodge's next 25 years; but will simply and sincerely thank you, the member of the Brotherhood, for providing me the singular opportunity to serve in the most unique, thought-provoking, and richly rewarding position of an Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief.

K. RONE BALDWIN.

My Brothers;

We have many tasks this coming year. The Executive Committee and myself cannot accomplish them alone. Your encouragement is of great significance. No longer do we ask for your time and service to the Order but rather we need your support for cheerful service and your devotion to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow and also of Scouting, namely: camping. How can you fulfil best this challenge? It is simple: promote camping in your troop. My highest expectation is to have you, the member of our Brotherhood, uphold the traditions of camping in your unit. If your post o troop has not camped in a while, you, the O.A. member, should be the one to organize an outing. Work with your fellow boy leaders and your adult leaders to go out to the outdoors and again enjoy our beautiful outdoors.

As for other expectations, the O.A. has assigned itself the task of carrying off the next three ordeals, an annual Christmas Banquet, and of course, the tremendous experience and fellowship of the 25th Anniversary Event in September. If you can spare your time and service away from the troop, we can certainly use you.

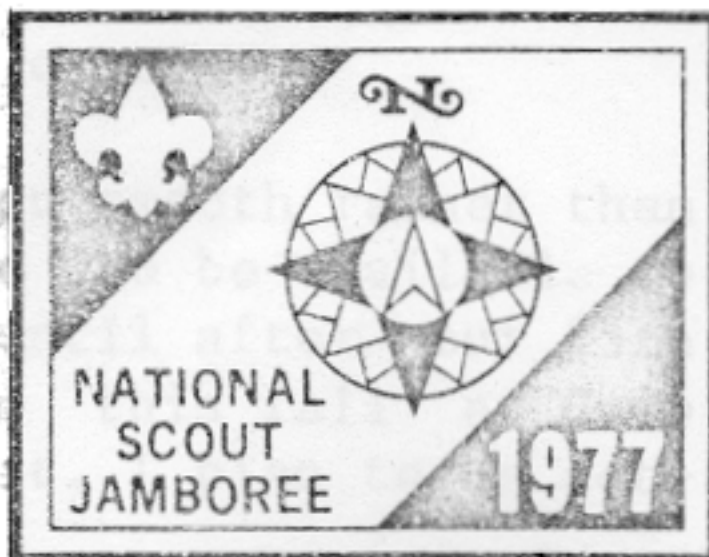
I will be at Summer Camp for the summer if you wish to contact me. I hope to see you up there.

Yours in Camping

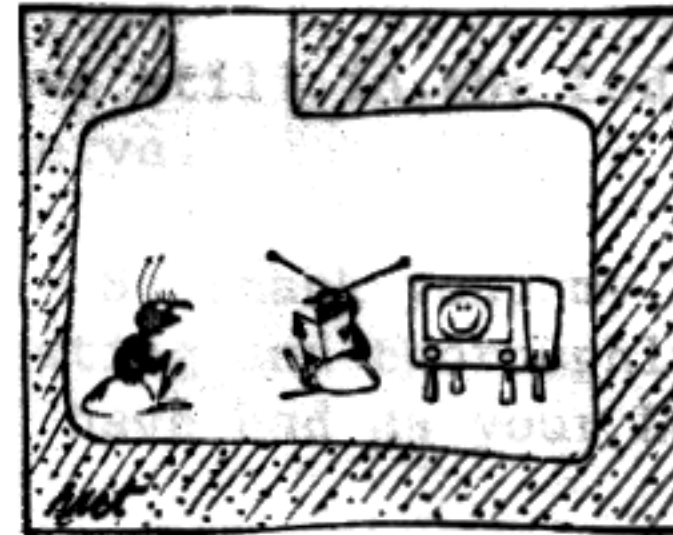
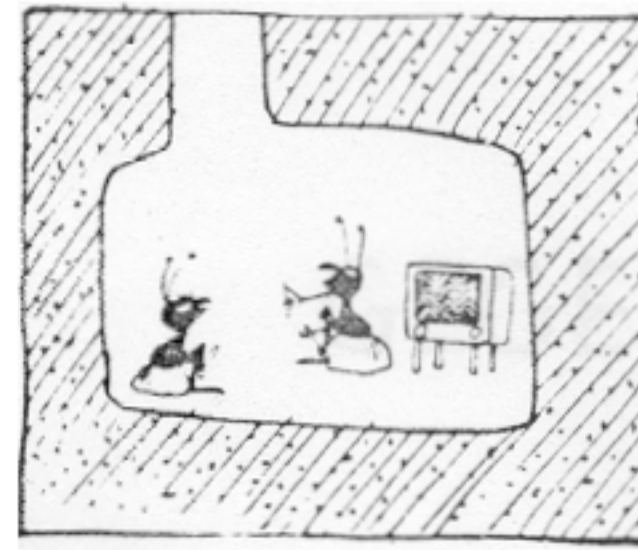
NOT APPLES, NEWTON- FALLING ACORNS

Lew Jordan, Council Scout Executive and the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Kecoughtan Lodge, is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Leighty, long-time Scoutmaster and OA brother, to the position of Lodge Lay Advisor. Mr. Jordan urges all members of Kecoughtan to give their utmost support and cooperation to Mr. Leighty as he assumes the Advisor's position.

Peninsula Council is now accepting applications for the 1977 National Scout Jamboree to be held August 3-9, 1977 at Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania. Space is limited, and a selection committee from the Council will screen applicants and choose the best representatives the area has to offer. Applications are available at the Scout Service Center.



There is still space available for the first Southeast Region Training Conference, July 30 to August 1 in Raleigh, N.C. Applications can be obtained from Sam Fairchild (877-1139) on or before July 10th. Hurry if you plan to attend this most important event.




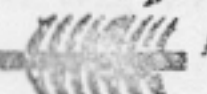
Spring Ordeal (from p. 1)

Kevin Hopkins of Mattaponi Chapter joins Bill in the 1977 administration. Kevin prevailed over two opponents, Norman Effinger and Chip Hager to win the Vice-Chief spot. Mike Wagner will continue as Lodge Secretary in an uncontested campaign, and Steve Wilson of Pamunkey was chosen Lodge Treasurer.

The Elangomat Clan System was again the watchword of the induction, as candidates from the council troops became full members of the Order. Irwin reports one of the smoothest inductions to date, and feels that the system presented at the 75 Conference in Ohio is here to stay. Rone Baldwin, the '76 Chief, was pleased with the turnout for Brotherhood membership. "Any time you have over half the number of Brotherhood candidates as Ordeal Candidates, it shows that Lodge Brotherhood promotion is on the right track."

Saturday service was again a miracle to behold, as lodge members prepared Chickahominy for the upcoming summer camp season. Work crews spent many hours in an unusually hot sun cutting grass, erecting tents, repairing bridges, and landscaping several areas of the camp. As can be expected, there was a large number people who took advantage of the cool water of the lake after the work was completed.

The KRYER would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Cooking Committee on the exceptionally fine saturday supper. Lodge Brothers feasted on Delmonico steak, potatoes, beans, etc. as the Dining Hall resounded with cries of BRAVO! for a meal well prepared.

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My Brothers;

As Lodge Chief Rone Baldwin steps down to go off to college and newly-elected Chief Bill Irwin takes over the duties ahead of schedule, I, too, will phase out my tour as Lodge Lay Advisor in favor of Maj. Bill Leighty who is scheduled to succeed me. The best time for the Advisor change, I feel, is as the Chief changeover occurs.

To make the transition smooth rather than abrupt, I will continue to be available to our new Lodge Advisor until after our 25th Anniversary Celebration this fall at Camp Chickahominy. After that, I plan to be act-

ive still in the Lodge in any way that I can serve.

So thank you, my Brothers, for the interesting and thoroughly enjoyable relationship I have had as your Lodge Advisor.

I will say Good - Bye to you as Witawematpanni Gegeyjumhet and Hello Again as

Your Brother


RALPH

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