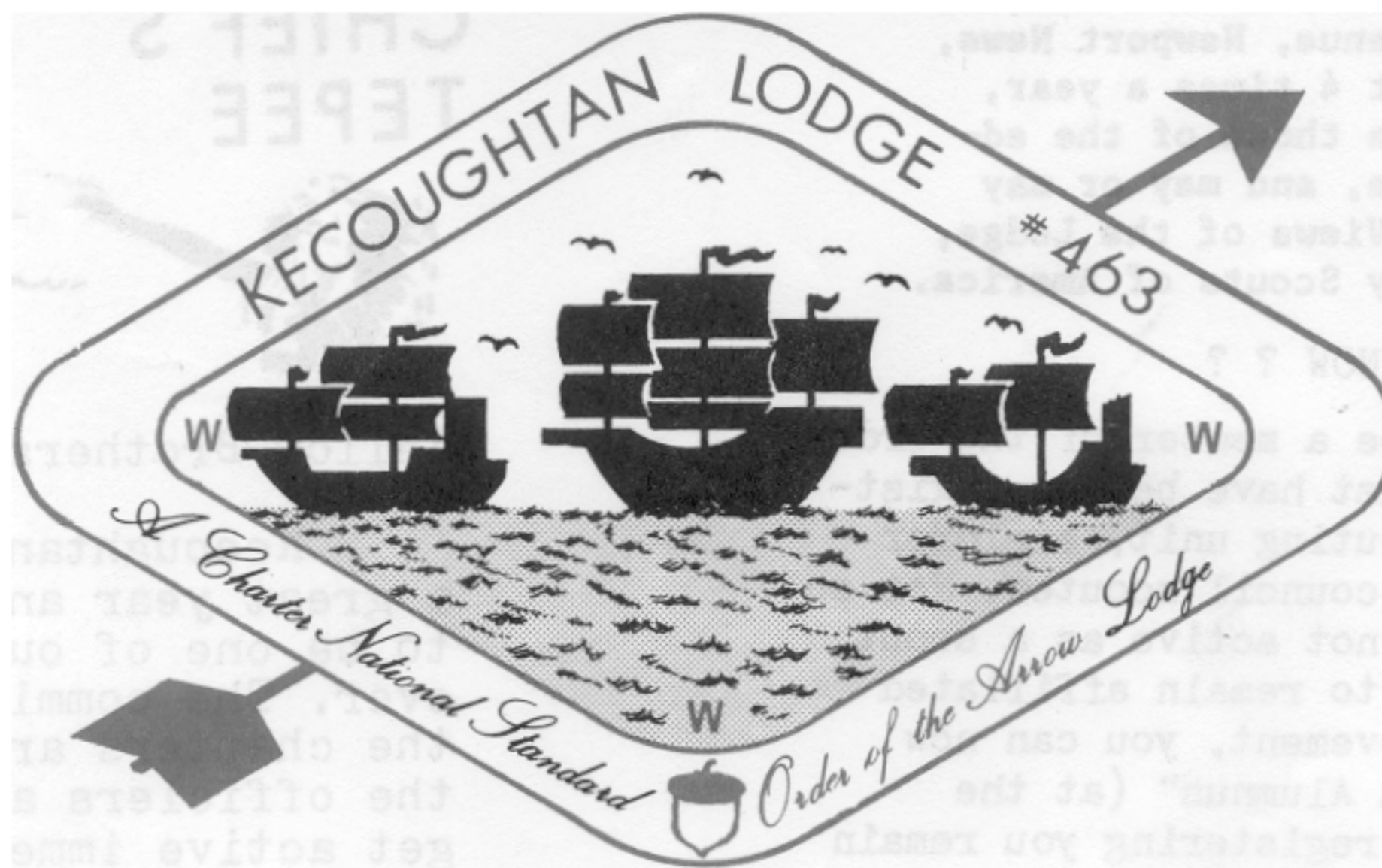


KECOUGHTAN KRYER



MARCH 1979

From the tiny acorn, the mighty oak tree

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WINTER ORDEAL GREAT

Due to weather conditions in February, the Winter Ordeal weekend was postponed until March 9-10-11, 1979.

The ordeal got off to a great start! What a surprise! As arrowmen were getting out of their vehicles they thought that this was just going to be another 'ordeal'. As members approached the administration building to register, they found a different look, a banner 10 feet long, with the words, "Kecoughtan Lodge 463 Welcomes You to the Ordeal". Every one went to their assigned camping areas and set up tents and put away their gear. At 8:30 pm the brothers went to the Council fire ring to witness the pre-ordeal ceremony with the candidates. This was a first for many brothers who had never seen the pre-ordeal ceremony before.

The next morning it was rise and shine, to a beautiful sunny day. Famunkey Chapter presented the colors and reveille was followed by a superb breakfast of oatmeal, scrambled eggs, orange juice, sausages, biscuits, jelly, butter and hot (?) cocoa. No one went away hungry. The brothers went to their assigned work areas and began hard work. The brothers and candidates both did their tasks so hard and so fast that John, the ranger, could not believe his eyes.

When lunch time came everyone was in line for Bert's famous beef stew, bread and "bug" juice with jello for desert. Ranger John had to find additional projects to keep everyone busy throughout the afternoon. After work, everyone cleaned up, got in uniform and experienced another delightful meal for supper.

At the lodge business meeting following the supper meal, it was decided that the lodge rules would not be changed in regards to the lodge flap patch. The patch is not restricted but does have a seven hour work requirement to purchase one. The membership voted to keep the seven hours of service on the flap patch.

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DID YOU KNOW ? ?

Until recently, to be a member of the Order of the Arrow, you must have been a registered member of a scouting unit, explorer unit, a district or council scouter. Not so anymore! If you are not active as a scout or scouter but want to remain affiliated with the scouting movement, you can now register as a "Scout Alumnus" (at the Council office). By registering you remain eligible to retain your membership in the Order of the Arrow. Many scouts away at college and older scouters at home with medical problems are now assured of maintaining continuous scouting and O/A registration and can receive bulletins, newsletters and other information even though not an active unit member.

SCOUT-A-THON '79:

H. Buzz Henderson, Vice-President of the Peninsula Council Executive Board, announced that the Scout-A-Thon for 1979 will be at Langley Air Force Base. THE DATE: JUNE

2ND, with Rain Date, JUNE 3RD. The Theme will be "SEE'N'DO". The general public will be taking part in the ACTIVE Scouting and Cubbing skills, and programs that you will be conducting in your booths. The Boy Scout Handbook, Wolf, Bear and Webe-los Handbooks, backed by Boys' Life Magazine offer many exciting ideas for preparing your ACTIVE SEE'N'DO Booth.

Order of the Arrow Handbook - If you do not have a 1977 or 1978 edition, you are out of date and should not use your old handbook as a reference source.

SPRING CAMPOREE: Watch for your Camporee guide which will be coming soon, but plan NOW to have your Troop participate in the big event on April 27, 28 and 29, 1979!

FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



Fellow Brothers,

Kecoughtan Lodge is off to a great year and 1979 promises to be one of our best years ever. The committees are rolling, the chapters are busy, and even the officers are working; so get active immediately and join in on the fun. Our overall registration is down this year but our remaining brothers are planning on having a fantastic year. These brothers are ready to live up to our high traditions but are you really ready?

I hope every brother included in his new year resolution that he will strive to truly fulfil his Obligation this year. Remember: YOU WERE ELECTED NOT FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE BUT WHAT YOU ARE EXPECTED TO DO. You may have heard these words many times but do you live by them? Are you a better Scout/Scouter than you were when you were elected or have you lost the "spirit". If you have lost the "spirit" then it is time to rebind yourself in our Order and start working towards our fine traditions. There are many questions each arrowman should ask himself about his "right" to wear the red arrow sash and pocket flap that identify him as a proud member of the Order of the Arrow. To be proud of our Order and our Lodge, an arrowman must first be proud of himself as an arrowman. Are you proud of yourself and the traditions that YOU represent.

Yours in W.W.W.,

Gus Diggs
Lodge Chief



CHAPTER CHATTER

KISKIACK

The other day a fellow brother asked me, "What's your chapter doing?" I shot back, "Plenty!" Then later I began to wonder, what is Kiskiack doing? I gave Dave Hume (Kiskiack Chief) a call to see what was happening. He gave me the complete run down on what is going on. First he expressed a desire to reach all the units by way of camping promotions. Slide show visitations have already started and he expects the chapter to be able to make contact with practically all of the troops in Western District. Then Dave mentioned elections for a spring camporee with a fabulous show by the ceremonial team. The Kiskiack executive board feels the chapter could use a little money. We currently \$138.83 in the treasury. They plan to have a fund raiser by way of leather chapter patches available to the whole lodge. In the spring they are planning the Chapter Cookout so this money will come in handy. What Dave failed to point out is that he takes alot of things into his own hands. Dave is very active at school and with our own troop. I don't see how he can manage with all of that work. It seems with such a large chapter, Kiskiack should be able to get more done than it does. Kiskiack has had record attendances at previous ordeals and I hope it continues in the future. With all of the members supporting it, Kiskiack should finish the year with a big bang.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Dave Hume

Dave Hume

MATTAPONI

Fellow Brothers,
Right now our Camping Promotions Committee is in full swing and we are looking forward to a great season of Summer Camp. The Colonial District Spring Camporee is coming up soon and I would appreciate help from each one of you. Remember WE are running this Camporee. That means we need support from everyone. See you at the Camporee.

Yours in Service,

Ronnie Carden

Ronnie Carden

PAMUNKEY

Dear Brothers,

I would like to take this space to tell you that the Pamunkey Chapter is the best in the lodge. We have good committees heads, yet we need you to be on a committee. If you are interested in being on any committee, call me at 898-3960. I would like to see every chapter member to be serving on at least one committee. Come out now and be a active member in the Pamunkey Chapter.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Barry Spady

Barry Spady

WENDAMEN

If you listen you can hear many glowing reports on the accomplishments of the Wendamen Chapter. But if you attend the lodge participation events such as the ordeals or conclave you may be unable to find a Wendamen officer or representative. Is there really a Wendamen Chapter?

Wendamen Chapter, You are lying in a dormant state of passive non-existence.

COMMITTEE CHATTER

NEWSLETTER

The Kryer staff is working to gain the Virginia Press Association Award for the best newsletter in area one this year. We are in the running. We can win if we get the help of all our Brothers. Any of you who are willing to pitch in to help the Kryer--call the Editor (599-3906). I really need more people, especially typers, reporters, cartoonist, or someone to take pictures. No one person makes the paper, it takes many to have an award winning paper. Remember, this is the Lodge's paper.

Tim Ewing

Tim Ewing

CONGRATULATIONS

ARROWMEN

The following brothers of the lodge were the 1978 recipients of the highest honor that the District can bestow on a volunteer scouter.

- Colonial District :
 - Ted Darby Troop 51
 - Domenic Maglieri Troop 103
- Northern Star District :
 - Larry Ray Edwards Troop 105
- Western District :
 - H.C. Ewing, Jr. District Chairman
 - Vern J. Smith Troop 6

Congratulations from the lodge and thanks for your outstanding service to scouts in your area.



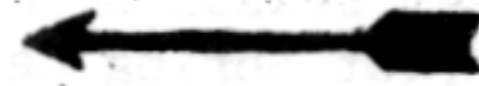
WOODBADGE RECIPIENTS:

- Wayne E. Blue Troop 11 & District
- H.C. Ewing, Jr. Troop 43 & District
- Andy Hess Troop 2
- James D. Russell Troop 43
- Andrew F. Smith Troop 11

Arrowman if I over looked anyone in your area that has earned the above recognition, Please let me know. Lets make this a regular column of recognition for all arrowmen.

Congratulations go to the following new members of our lodge. Having successfully completed the Ordeal on March 9-10-11, we welcome them into our Order.

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Joel L. Brown | Troop 454 |
| Howard J. Carwile | Troop 45 |
| Michael F. Corson | Troop 48 |
| Gary C. Cabbage | Troop 142 |
| Thomas "Ed" Darby | Troop 51 |
| Michael S. Gentry | Troop 54 |
| R. "Scott" Gillespie | Troop 6 |
| John W. Goins SM | Troop 45 |
| J. Michael Harvey | Troop 14 |
| John W. King | Troop 316 |
| John R. LeDeaux | Troop 142 |
| John P. Martin | Post 103 |
| John "Gant" Massey | Troop 180 |
| Anthony "Buck" Morning | Troop 180 |
| Ralph L. Spaw | Troop 101 |
| Daniel "Joe" Stopski | Troop 2 |
| John R. Villa | Post 103 |
| Leo L. Watkins SM | Troop 180 |
| James "Bud" Zehmer | Troop 48 |



Three rousing cheers go to the following members for attaining Brotherhood.

- Jeff Cleveland
- Randal Carden
- William H. "Bill" Leighty
- James A. Michener
- Michael Sullivan

To Raoul "Ray" Garrabrandt, a very, very special congratulations for recently receiving the Distinguished Eagle Award.





FROM THE FOREST...
SMOKESIGNALS

Congratulations to our new brothers. You have just joined other arrowmen in the finest lodge in area one. I hope you take an active part in your lodge by working on a committee or working with your chapter. We have a saying in our lodge, "from the little acorn, the mighty oak tree grows", "from thoughtfulness for others our cheerful service flows." You will understand as you take an active part in the lodge.

Congratulations also to the brothers who have completed the requirements for brotherhood. You have sealed your membership and you know what it means to give cheerful service.

You will notice new articles in the KRYER. I feel that if arrowmen receive an award for service, honor, or whatever, he should receive recognition so we all know what our brothers are doing in scouting.

Please keep this editor informed or include in your chapter reports. Something that "bugs" me is committee reports. No one sends them in. I have to bug "all" to write me a short little report. I should not have to do this. The only way members know what the committees are doing is by their reports. No report - no work! Of course, this is not always true--Let our arrowmen know what you are doing. No one wants to work on a committee that they know nothing about. This is a part of supporting the lodge, right. So I will give each committee one more chance to use the KRYER as their source of help. Let me remind every member in the lodge that we were elected not for what we have done but for what we will do. So remember, the obligation and say to yourself, do I do all that I can for the lodge and the scouting program. We are a National Merit Lodge. We should be proud of it. We worked hard for it with little help from the troops who do not have elections, from members who do not get brotherhood after nine months, troops who do not have camping promotion shows, or who do not go to camp. All of this hurts the lodge as a whole. We have to work for National Honor Lodge this year; the highest honor a lodge can receive and with each members help we can do it. Remember, we are Number 1, we all must work together to keep us No. 1.

Is apathy, indifference, and poor scouting spirit replacing PRIDE in the Order of the Arrow? In 1978, our lodge registered 395 members, and while it is true that some have moved away, only 199 re-registered in the lodge. Letters are being sent to all delinquent members but everyone knows that letters are not as personal as a telephone call or visit from the chapter chief or chapter representative. Lets get involved and find out why our brothers are not.

Please submit all articles for our next issue by May 6, 1979. Late articles will not be accepted. Send them to Tim Ewing, 423 Normandy Lane, Newport News, VA 23606.

Tim Ewing
Tim Ewing
Editor

P.S. If you have any of the following issues please let me copy them and I will give them back. They are needed for the historical files of the KRYER.

We need: 1973 Vol. 11, No. 2
1974 Vol. 12, No's. 3 & 4
1976 Vol. 15, No's. 1, 2, & 3
1977 Vol. 16, No. 3

NATIONAL OA. CONFERENCE

There is available one delegation space for a "boy" member (under 21). If this space is not requested by 25 March the lodge will fill the quota with an adult member. The Conference is at Colorado State University, August 12th through August 19th. Cost is presently \$ 385.00 however, it appears that this price may be lowered by \$30.00 if it becomes necessary to utilize a smaller aircraft. Call the Lodge Chief, Gus Diggs at 595-497

Kecoughtan Lodge has been designated a 'National Merit Lodge' for 1978. Scoring on the Lodge Achievement Program resulted in a score of 135 points out of 165. Lodges scoring 100 to 115 points were designated as National Standard Lodges, ~~these scoring~~ 120 to 135 points were designated as National Merit Lodges and ~~ones~~ scoring 140 points or more were designated as National Honor Lodges. The one main area of point loss for our lodge came as a result of too few ordeal members attaining brotherhood.

SUMMER CAMP - Now is the time for your unit to register for Summer Fun and Action at Chickahominy! \$25.00 site reservation fee will reserve that special week and campsite.

On Saturday, March 3, 1979, five brothers from Kecoughtan Lodge left the Scout Service Center at 7:30 a.m. headed for the Council of Chief's meeting in Fredericksburg, VA. Those attending were Bill Leighty, Gus Diggs, Tim Ewing, Morris Friedman, and Mike Myers. Mike Wagner, Area Chief, called the meeting to order with the obligation; welcoming, and introduction of sections followed. The secretary called the Roll of Lodges. Two lodges were not represented. The secretary read the minutes of the November 18, 1978, Business Meeting.

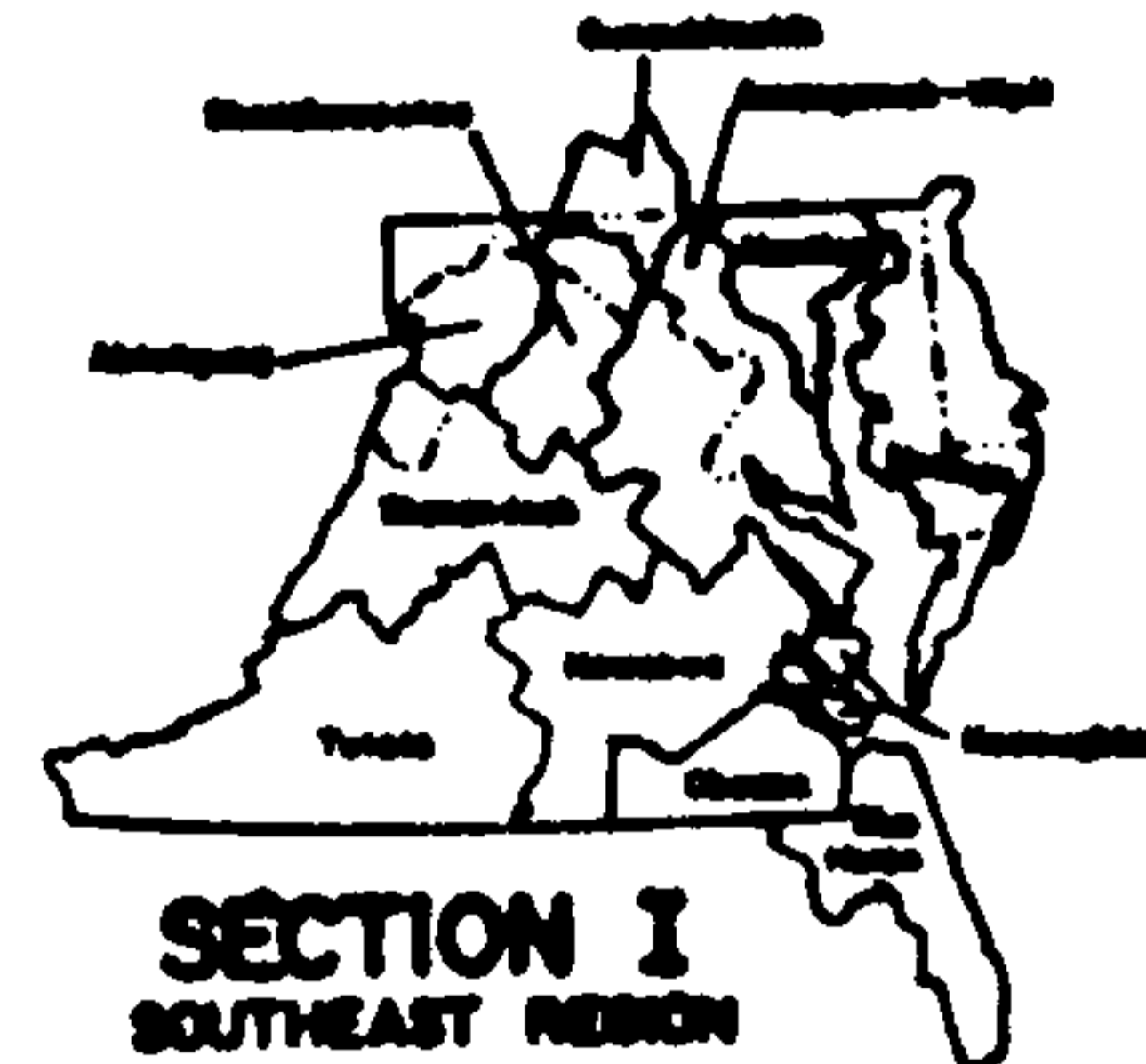
Various reports of the officers, committees and lodges followed. The 1978 Indian Seminar final report was given; also, a special report containing all the good and bad comments of the previous four seminars was presented. Morris Friedman reported for Kecoughtan's delegation to the Indian seminar. His report was taken from the December Lodge minutes. The 1978 Leadership Seminar Report was next. All the lodges reported that the training was great. Mike Wagner stated that George Homewood and Dave Barringer received most points for the best trainers. Bids for the N.L.S. for 1980 were up for grabs. Kecoughtan Lodge requested to host the N.L.S. in 1980. Gus Diggs then called on George Homewood, to tell about the plans for the Leadership Seminar. George stated that it will be at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, VA. More details will be in the next Kryer issue. Mike said, he will make a bid for the N.L.S. at the next regional meeting. The conclave was next on the agenda. Doug Derrick gave a report on how the conclave was shapeing-up. He gave a good report. He did his homework!

It looks as if the conclave hosted by Nawakwa will be a good one. Doug then went down the list on lodge delegation quotas. He stated that Kecoughtan was the only lodge to get payments in on time.

The committees that judges the competitions went over the rules of camping promotion, lodge display, newsletter, volleyball, and Gong Show. All the lodges said they were going to participate. Kecoughtan was asked what we were doing for the Gong Show. Tim Ewing stated we were going to give everyone a thrill by

council of chiefs

March 3, 1979



using Mike Wagner's jokes. The whole room got a big laugh. Doug gave a detailed account of A. P. Hill layout. There will be a section Feast; we are taking something from the sea (not what you think).

In the upcoming section elections at the conclave, these people are running for office. Kevin Hall, Jay Squires, and Mike Wagner for Chief; Joe Hedda and Jerry Smith for Vice-Chief; and Peter Hanes for Secretary. We wish luck to all of these fine arrowmen. The section is working on a Section Patch to wear at the National Conference. Suggestions are welcomed on a three-inch patch for a baseball cap. Lodge designers are asked to send their pencil drawings in by conclave. Our section once again has earned the Standard Section Award.

The 1979 National O.A. Conference will be held August 13-17. The section is flying out of Dulles Airport. Amangamek-Wipit is working on travel plans. It was voted at the last Council of Chiefs meeting to travel together.

Two awards were presented to Amangamet-Wipit for winning the ceremony and dance team competition at Indian Seminar.

The section Lay Adviser, Mr. Pete Price, give his closing remarks followed by Mike Wagner's closing remarks. The Council of Chiefs meeting was closed by forming our friendship circle and singing our song.

HONOR PATCH REQUIREMENTS APPROVED.

The previous published requirements for the patch were approved by the Executive Committee and the Honor Patch will be awarded to those who completes the requirements in 1979. All of these requirements must be accomplished between January 1st to December 1st 1979. Will be presented at the Christmas Banquet.

Attendance of at least one Beaver Day
Attend three of the four following:
Summer Ordeal, Christmas Banquet,
Winter Ordeal, Spring Ordeal

Participate in at least your Chapter election or in the Annual Lodge elections.

Earn Brotherhood, if eligible.

Accomplish a minimum of five of the following:

1. Attend a Section Conclave
2. Attend a Section Seminar
3. Attend a National Conference
4. Attend a National Indian Seminar
5. Attend a Lodge Business Meeting
6. Have a visitation of an outside Lodge function.
7. Attend a Council of Chief's Meeting
8. Promote Camping by means of a Unit visitation
9. Work on a Summer Camp Staff
10. Have a long term camping experience
11. Attend the Lodge Training Conference
12. Be a Lodge or Chapter Officer
13. Be a Chairman for a Lodge or Chapter Committee *or Adviser*
14. Attend a Chapter Business Meeting
15. Work on a Lodge or Chapter Committee

The patch is beeing designed and by the next Kryer a picture will be in it. Hear are the Patch Requirements for the last time in the Kryer.

The new Official Boy Scout Handbook is the result of the most dramatic revision since the original one was published in 1911. William "Greenbar Bill" Hillcourt has combined the best of 68 years of Scouting into an exciting and easy to read book. It has the latest on Scouting advancements, and has instructions on how to build a log cabin. With full-color illustrations, the new handbook is published by Simon & Schuster and is available at all Scouting Stores and the Scout Center. If you want to know all about Scouting, Then pick one up right now.

XV World Jamboree in Iran Postponed.

The XV World Jamboree, scheduled to be held next July in Iran, has been postponed until 1983. However, members of the Boy Scouts of America planning to attend the international event will have options. The World Committee tried hard to find an alternative location for the World Jamboree, BUT because of the magnitude of the organizing task and the shortness of time, the attempt was unsuccessful. To maintain the rhythm of an international jamborees, and to enable as many boys as possible to experience the world brotherhood of an international camp, the World Committee decided to: Designate 1979 as a World Jamboree Year. Recognize major camps with significant international participation as "World Jamboree Year Camps." Encourage the promotion of the "Join in Jamboree" theme for smaller camps and events throughout 1979 to help spread the spirit of international Scout brotherhood. The National Council of the B.S.A. is working with the World Bureau on developing optioal plans and will advise councils and participants, who had signed up for the Iranian world jamboree, as soon as plans are firmed. Some options are already available to Scouts who had planned to go to Iran are alternatives to go to three Canadian jamborees- the Toronto Regional, the British Columbia Yukon, and the Manitoba Provincial jamborees- all scheduled in July. In addition, there are the European Friendship Tour (July 6-26, 1979, Cost: \$1,000 per person) and the 12th Australian Jamboree, combined with the 4th Asia-Pacific (Dec. 20, 1979-Jan. 12, 1980, cost: \$1,500 per person). More information can be getting at the Scout Center or by writing the International Division BSA, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902. Taking from the Boys' Life Issue of Feb. 1979.

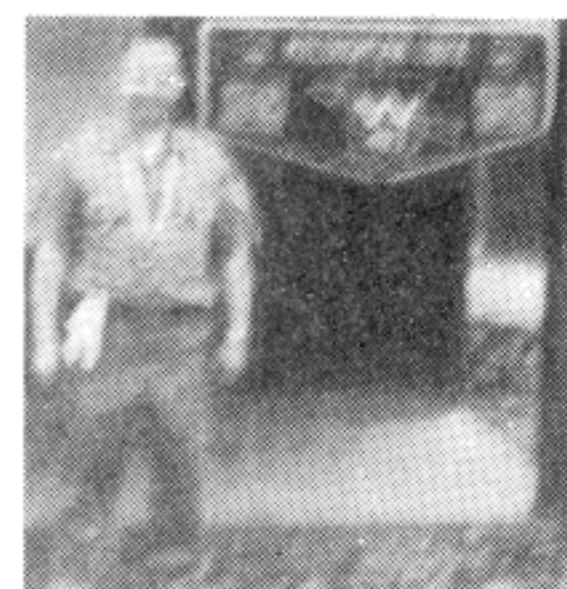
National Jamboree

The National Jamboree will be at Camp A.P. Hill near Bowling Green, Va. in June 1981. We are working on a deal to have two days in our area to see the sights of Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg. More on the Jamboree in future issue.

STILL URGENTLY NEEDED - An unused garage to store Lodge equipment and displays throughout the year. If you have a garage that you are not presently using and wish to let the lodge utilize the space for storage, call Bill Leighty at 874-6923.

WINTER ORDEAL

where are you



Winter Ordeal Continue

With the business meeting recessed until Sunday morning, the ceremonies began. Five ordeal members, having fulfilled the requirements for brotherhood, were presented their sash. The ordeal ceremony followed the brotherhood ceremony and nineteen candidates were inducted into our lodge. Awaiting in the dining hall was a great crackerbarrel of pizza, crackers, pickles, cheese, a variety of lunch meats, olives and hot chocolate. With the crackerbarrel in full swing, that ~~shy~~ world famous auctioneer, from the Pamunkey Chapter, Dan Thompson, began the annual winter ordeal patch auction. The auction netted \$127.85 for the E. Bailey Tudder camp maintenance fund. Morris "Cat" Friedman was the highest bidder for a single patch, paying \$5.25 for a Kecoughtan 1972 Pow Wow patch.

It was evident that everyone must have really put in a hard days work as the entire camp slept like logs the whole night through. (No raids). On Sunday as everyone arose they were greeted with the biggest, wettest snowflakes you could imagine, a real winter happening. After running to breakfast of pancakes and sausages we attended the Sunday service. Mike Kinzie, I mean Reverend Mike Kinzie, gave a short but meaningful service.

We then broke into groups as each person went to their respective chapter meetings. The lodge business meeting followed the chapter meetings. Then, just prior to the new member orientation, Cliff Cantrell gave a short demonstration of Indian costuming and dancing. It must have been a rain dance. The new member orientation was done by Sam Fairchild and he did his usual excellent job of telling about the Order of the Arrow and explaining the Handbook. With the orientation over, it was time to break camp.

This ordeal was a pleasant surprise from start to finish. Everything followed the new ordeal planned as organized by the executive committee. We planned out the work and worked our plan - a great ordeal.

RECRUITING TOOLS AVAILABLE: Should your Pack or Troop be planning a Boy Recruitment effort, chances are that we may have some tools that will help. One very good item is the colorful "Join Cub Scouting", and "Join Boy Scouting" flyers. Call us (595-3356) for recruiting suggestions and visual aids!

Membership cards were mailed to all Lodge members who paid their dues by 11 March. If you paid your dues and still have not received your card, call the Lodge Secretary Mike Myers, at 877-1633. (Do it today).

SO SORRY

Correction-- IN the last month issue we said, That Ronnie Carden played the violin like Stradivari. It should have said, That Randy Carden who played the violin like Stradivari, who played the violin beautifully at the Christmas Banquet. We are sorry we got your name mixed-up with your brothers name. For give us.

DEADLINE

MAY

6, 1979

FOR NEXT

CHATTER

REPORTS



As a relatively new Ranger for this council, I am continually meeting people who have no idea who, what, or where I am. This article is intended to clear up these questions and to help you better understand exactly where I stand in regard to the O.A. and this area.

I do not fit the general discription of the typical camp ranger, if one exist. I am 26 years old, but my experience ranges into a broad number of fields. I am not an expert at any particular subject but I find that my greatest asset is the ability to work with people. My wife, Diane, and I have been married a little over a year. I am 6'5" tall. My favorite color is dark blue. Now that you know all that you ever wanted to know about the ranger you can stop reading at this point and go on to a more interesting article like the life history of Andy Hess on page 3.

I was inducted into Powhatan Lodge in 1968. I worked with that Lodge and their council, camp, Camp Powhatan, for 10 years. I was also involved in the planning and the building of the High Knoll Trail System for their 17,500 acre reservation. In 1971, I worked on the Philmont staff, as a Ranger, and I was able to see most of Philmont over the summer. I traveled to the University of Alaska in Fairbanks that fall, but I had to drop out later due to the lack of work and jobs in Alaska at that time. During the years between '72 and '77, I traveled to every state in the union except three. I worked at a variety of different jobs along the way. Each summer I would return to Powhatan to work on the summer staff then I would leave again in the fall. I do not regret leaving school because of the incredible experience I received during those years.

In 1978 I applied for the Rangers job at the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, but I was told that it would be a matter of time before the job became available. At about the same time, I was approached by Mr. Earl Powell from the Peninsula council in regard to the rangers job at Chickahominy. At that time, the job was not available, but I told him that I would send a resume' to the council. I was contacted in February by Mr. Jordan and invited down to take a look at the camp.

john hankins

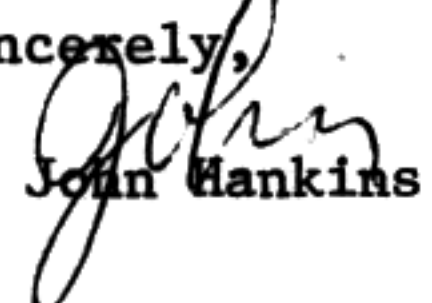


OUR RANGER

I accepted the councils job offer three days later and moved in to begin working toward the impending Conclave. That was over a year ago and my wife and I are very pleased with the reception that we have received from everyone. Everybody probably knows a few camp ranger jokes but I feel that I am taken very seriously by the O.A. and troops that camp here throughout the year. I am involved as a Scoutmaster and an Explorer Post Advisor and I care about the things that take place in this camp and in this council.

If you have read down to this line you may as well finish reading the article so that you can get to page 3. The O.A. is easily the most valuable workforce that I can use. For each function I submit a list of projects around camp that would be too much for one man to handle. At the past Ordeal in March, we completed 35 major projects before eleven o'clock. If the Ordeals are planned and laid out right, they can be very effective in helping to improve and maintain the camp. I do not believe that the candidate should spend the day digging ditches or shifting floorboards. There needs to be a great deal of thought given to meaningful projects that do not apply to maintenance, this is the responsibility of the service committee and the lodge as a group.

I would like to thank Kecoughtan for its strong support of my efforts over the past year and to thank you for the tremendous job you are doing in support of your camp.

Sincerely,

 John Hankins

THE PEDRO PATROL

IS INTRODUCED TO THE OA!*

* ORDER OF THE ARROW!



GREETINGS I AM AN ARROWMAN HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT SCOUTING'S NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF HONOR CAMPERS - THE ORDER OF THE ARROW!

THE PURPOSE OF THE OA IS TO RECOGNIZE THOSE SCOUT CAMPERS WHO BEST EXEMPLIFY THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW IN THEIR DAILY LIVES!

TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN CAMPING TRADITION AND SPIRIT!

TO PROMOTE SCOUT CAMPING!

TO CONTINUE THE SCOUT HABIT OF HELPFULNESS, LEADERSHIP, AND CHEERFUL SERVICE TO OTHERS!

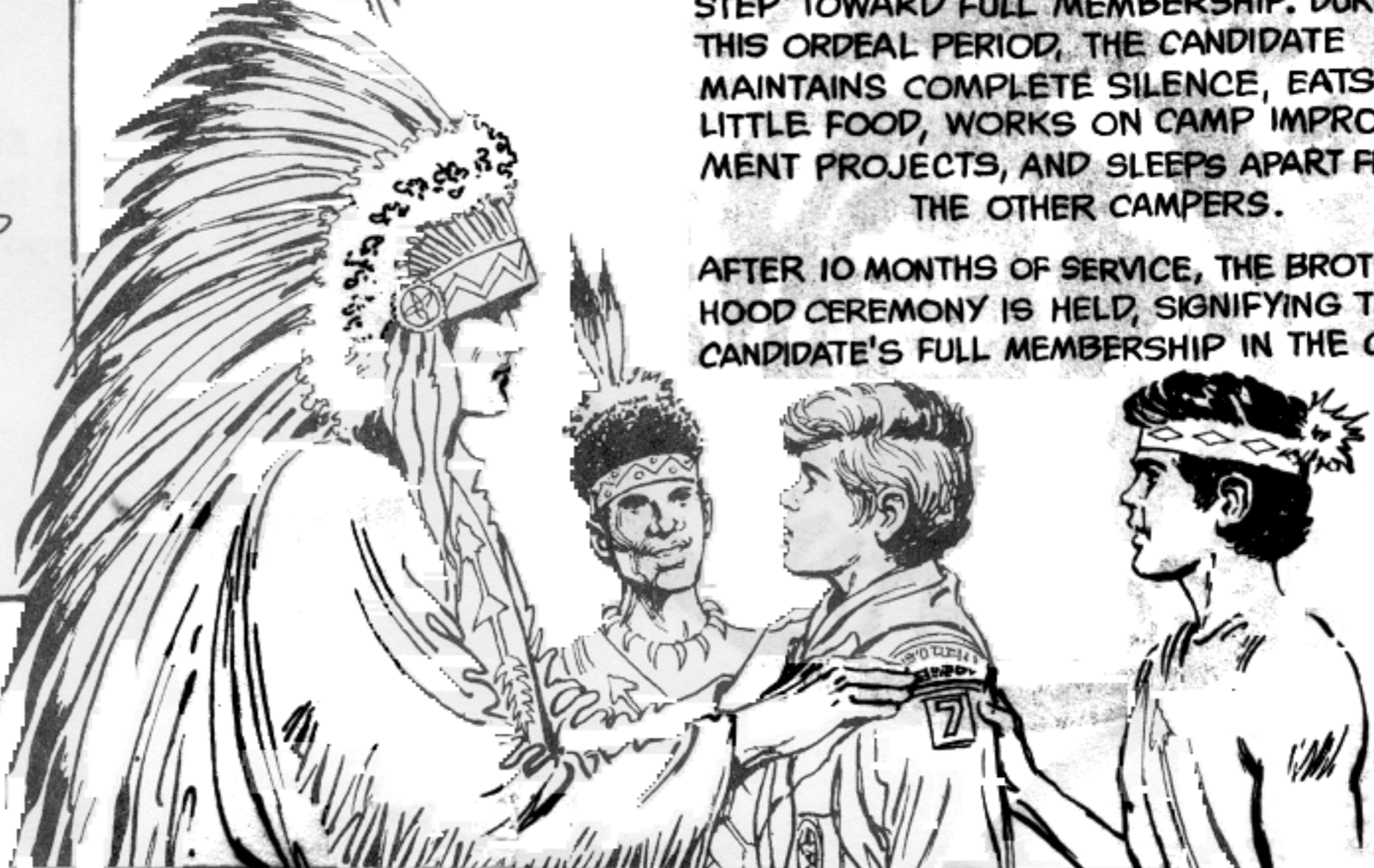


AFTER A SCOUT IS ELECTED, A CEREMONY CALLED THE ORDEAL IS HELD, THE FIRST STEP TOWARD FULL MEMBERSHIP. DURING THIS ORDEAL PERIOD, THE CANDIDATE MAINTAINS COMPLETE SILENCE, EATS LITTLE FOOD, WORKS ON CAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND SLEEPS APART FROM THE OTHER CAMPERS.

AFTER 10 MONTHS OF SERVICE, THE BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY IS HELD, SIGNIFYING THE CANDIDATE'S FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE OA.



TO BECOME A MEMBER, YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED SCOUT OR EXPLORER WHO HAS EARNED THE FIRST CLASS PROGRESS AWARD AND HAS EXPERIENCED A MINIMUM OF 15 DAYS AND NIGHTS OF SCOUT CAMPING (INCLUDING A LONG-TERM CAMP). SCOUTS ARE ELECTED INTO OA BY THE VOTE OF THEIR FELLOW TROOP MEMBERS.



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From the Lodge Adviser,

As this issue goes to press, spring is only a week or so away. Scouting, along with the flowers, will be blooming in every unit. Camping promotion personnel are very busy with unit visits, the "Where to Go Camping" booklet is taking shape and will be printed soon. Since every arrowman is a salesman for camping lets get out and encourage every scout in every unit to go camping. Chickahominy summer camp booklets are already available to unit leaders if they haven't received one. Hampton Roads Scout Camping is now preparing for a banner year at camp but they can use all the help they can get in assuring that every scout possible has signed up for a tremendous outdoor experience at summer camp.

Bill Leighty
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CALENDAR

- March
- 26th Scout Leader's Training
- April
- 1 OA. Executive Committee Meeting
 - 2 Scout Leader's Training
 - 9 Scout Leader's Training
 - 16 Scout Leader's Training
 - 20-22 OA. Conclave
 - 20-22 Hampton District Camporee Tentive
 - 14 Mattaponi Beaver Day
 - 23 Scout Leader's Training
 - 27-29 Colonial District Camporee
 - 27-29 Western District Camporee
- May
- 4 Kiskiack Cook-Out Tentive
 - 6 OA. Executive Committee Meeting
 - 31 Regional Biennial Meeting

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