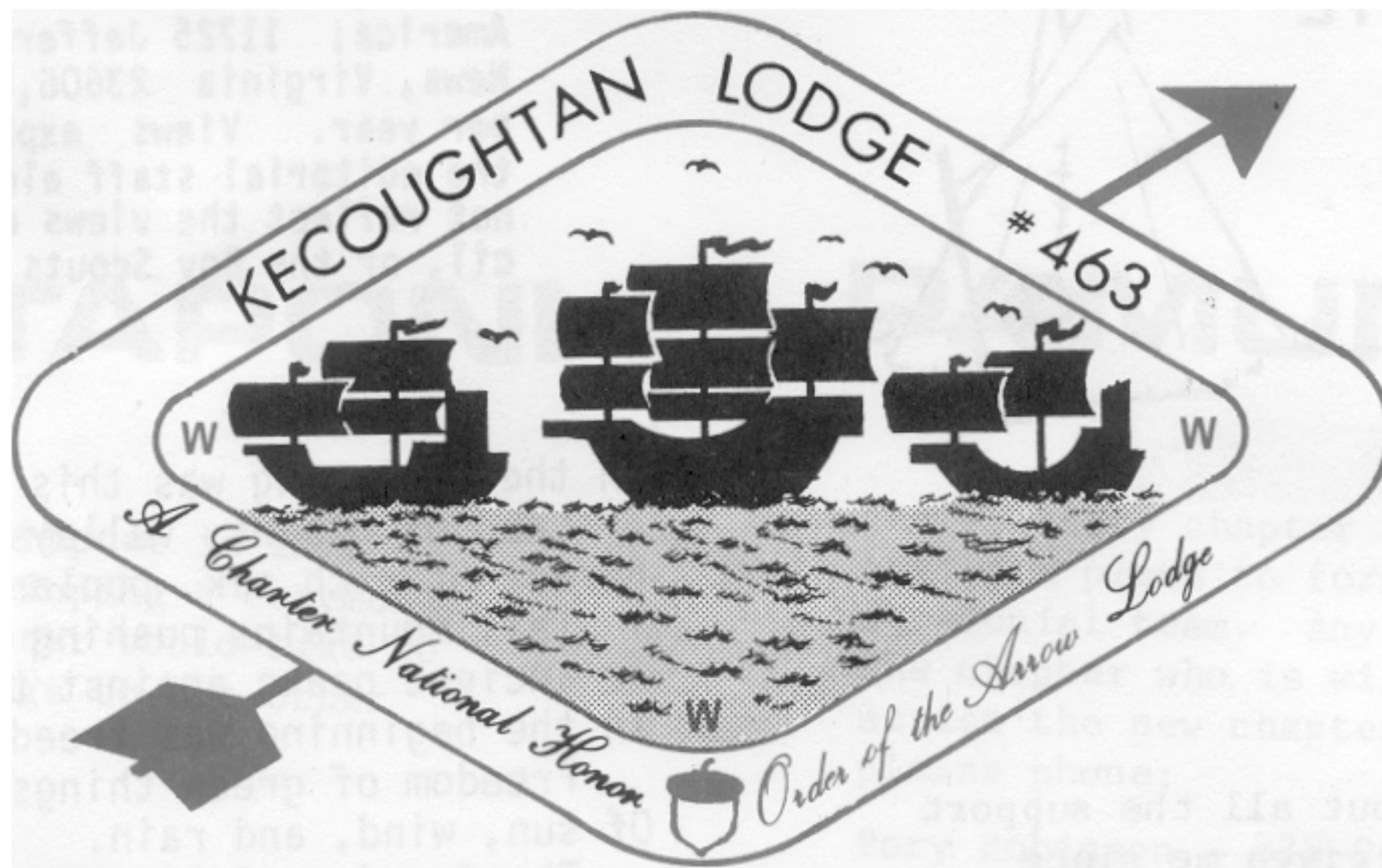


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From the tiny acorn, the mighty oak tree grows

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Come one, come all! To the 30th Annual Kecoughtan Lodge Christmas Banquet. At this spectacular event, we will have fun, food, fellowship, and maybe a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Your ear will be graced by an afterdinner address by the Council President General Grossmith, and then the awards for the 1981 Lodge year. The evening will be topped off with the presentation of the 1981 Vigil recipients.

How can you attend this event? By coming to the Elk's Club in Stonneybrook on Dec. 17. See you there! Please register by 5:00 PM on Friday, Dec. 11, 1981.

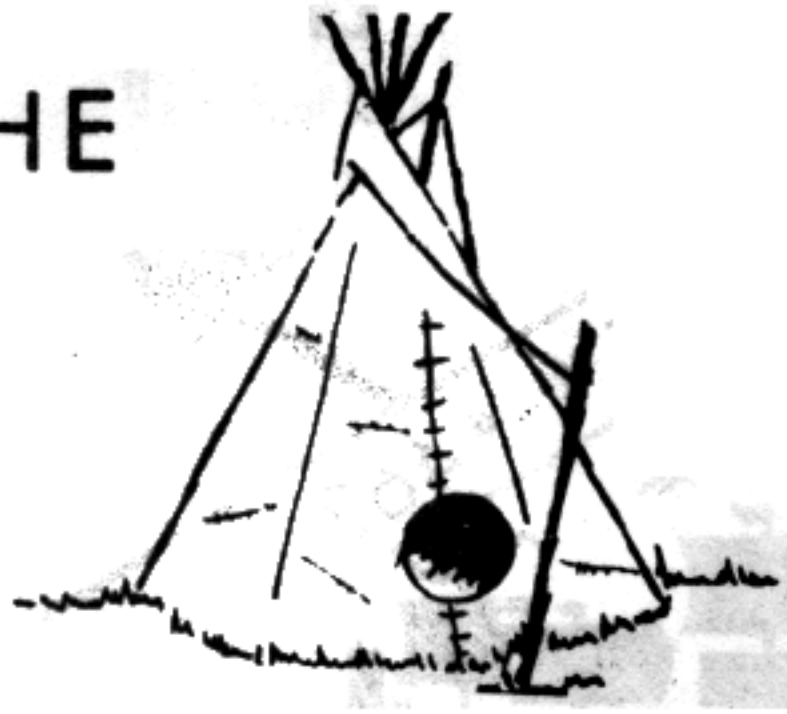
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## FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



Dear Brothers,

I am pleased about all the support that everyone has given me since being elected Chief. I am glad to say that a lot has been accomplished, but that does not mean we should stop working. My main goal is to increase participation, and there are two things coming up to get it started. One is the Christmas Banquet Dec. 17. And the other is LEAD, 81 Dec. 5. I hope to see our lodge well represented.

Yours in Scouting,  
Tim Jennings



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In the beginning was this land America:  
Land of plains, valleys of green grass;  
Forest of rich oak, poplar, and pine;  
Tall mountains pushing their smooth  
ancient peaks against the sky.  
In the beginning was freedom:  
Freedom of green things growing,  
Of sun, wind, and rain.  
The freedom of laughter,  
freedom of work and play.  
In the beginning was peace:  
The peace of common brotherhood,  
Common worship, common labor.  
The land was friendly and beautiful.

For in this land lived the Great Spirit—that divine force which stirs the hearts of all men, and which leads them to express, in primitive ecstasy, their deep kinship with the eternal God. Here lived the American Indian.

From the beginning of this land, the Indian possessed it lovingly, with gentleness, humility, and peace.

But out of the Great Sea to the East was destined to come a roaring wave; a seething tide of strange men with pale faces and restless hands. Up across the mountain it would burst and spread; a vast tide of pioneers: seeking, grasping, building, fanning out in giant fingers across the plains, surging at last to the shores of the Far West.

And upon reaching the shores of this great land, these pale faces met the Indian. They turned to him for help, for food, for shelter, for companionship. Thus formed for men of different races a common brotherhood: to live and share alike; a fidelity of peace, both friendly and beautiful. Brotherhood was lifted up because men of mutual interest shared with each other.

Scouts of today are lifted up because men and boys of mutual interest share with each other the high standards of Scouting which are formed in common brotherhood: the Order of the Arrow.

-Wahkapaoska

# CHAPTER

# CHATTER

## MATTAPONI

The Mattaponi chapter is in the process of developing a ceremonial team. The chapter would like to issue a challenge to the other chapters.

Sincerely,  
Guy Conway

## PAMUNKEY

The Pamunkey chapter is now underway with plans to form a chapter ceremonial team. Any member of the chapter who is willing to assist the new chapter officers please phone:

Rory Robinson - 838-9094

or

Herb Sullivan - 851-1166

## WENDAMEN

No one plans to fail -  
rather some fail to plan.

### ST. GEORGE MEDAL TO WALTER DEAL

The St. George Medal for distinguished service to the Boy Scouts of America has been awarded to Walter Franklin Deal, Jr.. Signed by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. John Maury Allin, and by the RT. Rev. C. Charles Vache', Bishop of Southern Virginia, the medal is a fitting recognition of one who has rendered such devoted service to Scouting on the Peninsula and at St. Andrew's Parish. A Silver Beaver, he is also a Vigil Honor Member and Adviser of Kecoughtan Lodge.

## UP, UP, and OA

## KISKIACK

No one plans to fail -  
rather some fail to plan.

### LEADERSHIP

Through the years many things have been said about leadership, but few have put it as precisely and accurately as Waite Phillips when he said:

The boss drives his men; the leader coaches them.

The boss depends on authority; the leader on good will.

The boss inspires fear; the leader inspires enthusiasm.

The boss says, "I"; the leader says "We."

The boss assigns tasks; the leader sets the pace.

The boss says's "Get here on time!"; the leader gets there ahead of time.

The boss fixes blame for the breakdown; the leader fixes the breakdown.

The boss knows how it's done; the leader shows how.

The boss makes work a drudgery; the leader makes it a game.

The boss says "Go!"; the leader says "Let's go!"

The world needs leaders, but nobody wants a boss.

# LODGE COMMITTEES CHATTER

## CAMP PROMOTIONS

The Camp Promotions Committee has had an excellent season this past year and, with any luck, we will have an even better season next year. Due to an outstanding effort by our staff last year, three chapters, Pamunkey, Kiskiak, and Wendamen attained 100% promotions while Mattaponi had 83%. In summary our accomplishments of the 1981 season were:

1. 97% Complete Camp Promotions Visitations
2. First Place - Section Camp Promotions Competition
3. Publication of a "Things to See and Do" Booklet for the Peninsula Council
4. Establishment of a Staff Guide Booklet
5. Establishment of a Camp Promotions Display Map

Our staff has already begun work for the 1982 season by calling Scoutmasters to set up troop visitations for Camp Promotions. Please aid our staff in completing these visitations so that we may serve you better. Our goals for the 1982 season are:

1. 100% Complete Camp Promotions Visitations
2. Revision of our "Where to Go Camping" Guide
3. Publication of a Summer Camp Guide Book
4. First Place in the Section Camp Promotions Competition
5. Operation of a booth at the Scout Fair

Only through your support and cooperation can we attain these goals. Our chapter chairmen are listed below with their phone numbers for your reference. Please volunteer for a committee to aid us in this very important lodge committee.

In Brotherhood,

Gary Cabbage

KISKIAK -	Ricky Pulley	596-6970
WENDAMEN -	Patrick Simpson	693-4527
MATTAPONI -	John Dutro	229-0725 (Williamsburg)
	Ted Wallace	898-3024 (Yorktown)
PAMUNKEY -	David Montgomery	850-2848



## Be Involved!



# LODGE COMMITTEES

## CEREMONIES

Brothers,

We would like to make the Ceremonial Teams the BEST EVER. We need a lot of help. So give one of us a call. If you want to join the Pre-Ordeal or Ordeal Ceremonial Team, call Matthew Szramaski. If you want to join the Brotherhood Ceremonial Team call Mike Cartwright.

Sincerely,

Matthew Szramaski  
Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal  
Ceremonial Team Co-Chairman  
874-1548

and  
Mike Cartwright  
Brotherhood Ceremonial  
Team Co-chairman  
874-3529

## DANCE TEAM

Brothers,

Dance Team members are needed desperately. So if you want to join, just get in contact with me.

In Brotherhood,  
Tony Pagun  
Dance Team Chairman  
877-0001

## BICENTENIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you very much for helping with the Bicentennial to make it a success. I would like to extend a special thanks to Barry Spady and Dave Saunders who worked the whole time for the show. Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Szramaski

# DEADLINE

# JANUARY

# 17, 1982

# FOR NEXT

# KRYER REPORTS



TRADING POST

COOKING

UNIT ELECTIONS

SERVICE

No one plans to fail - rather some fail to plan.

## A NIGHT AND A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ELANGOMAT

I arrived at the Ordeal; I found out that the elangomats had not shown up. So I was asked to be one. Well knowing me, I was wanting to be one but just didn't call to volunteer. So naturally I said yes.

I went through pre-ordeal with the candidates, that brought back good memories. Then we marched off into the woods and spent the night out under the stars.

The next morning I was beginning to regret becomming an elangomat when I saw what we had for breakfast. An old hard boiled egg and a glass of orange juice. But I suppose I eat too much anyway, so I decided to wait until lunch (as if I had much choice).

After breakfast we went to work! Digging ditches in that hard Chick-ahominy dirt. Harder than I had expected. I was glad when lunch rolled around. It was worth the wait. It was back to work after lunch.

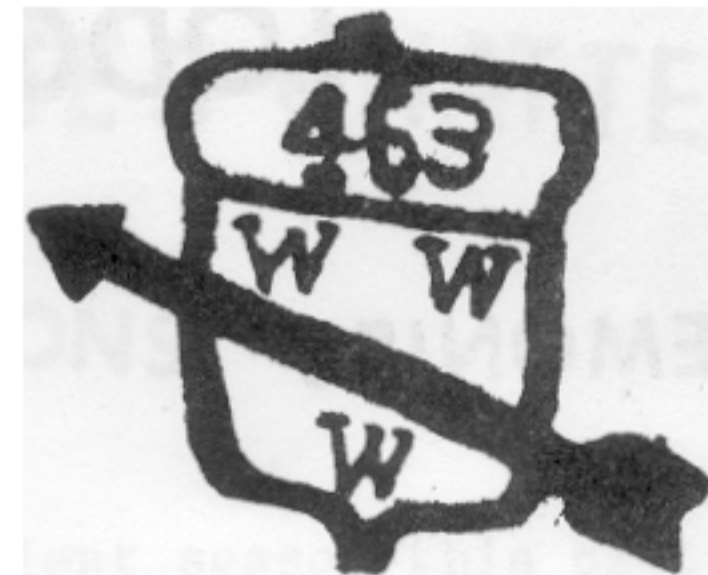
After a hard day's work, I went through the Ordeal Ceremony with the candidates. That brought back lots of good memories.

Then came dinner. Boy was I starved. The food was good and I ate my fill.

After it was all over, I was glad I had volunteered. Not just because of the fond memories it brought back, but the self satisfaction I felt from doing my Lodge this service.

So don't let the Lodge be short an elangomat again. Call and volunteer.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Satisfied Elangomat



## QUICK REMEMBERENCES OF YESTERYEAR

- WINTER ORDEAL- were you cold and wet??
- SE-1 CONCLAVE- an interesting experience!!
- O-A FELLOWSHIP- did you miss it??
- SPRING ORDEAL- who did you vote for??
- SUMMER CAMP- did you burn or freeze??
- JAMBOREE- do you remember the candles??
- NATIONAL O-A CONFERENCE- who shot O.A. Ewing??
- PHILMONT- anybody for the tooth of time??
- SUMMER ORDEAL- when did you eat dinner??
- BICENTENIAL- see you in 2031.

-Goodbye Mr. Hafer, Welcome back Mr. Deal-

-Goodbye Big John, Welcome Super Jim-

## DO YOU CARE?

Do you care that this Lodge is losing power from undermanned committees? You would think that an O/A Lodge would have enough enthusiasm to over-man each and every committee. This is not true in this Lodge. Only a few have enough enthusiasm to work on these committees. Is it that the Lodge members are not willing to work on these committees?

There are a few who keep up the traditions of this Order. These few have "The Spirit of the Order of the Arrow". These never lost it from their Ordeals or they lost it and found it again; where it told them to work hard for the welfare of others. These are the ones who follow the "Arrow", and now are working on committees or hold offices. Have you see the "Arrow"?

You say, you have no time to help the Lodge, but is that the truth? Most committees only work one night a week at the most. There even are some only one day a month every two months. Now who says you have no time? DO YOU CARE?

You say, you have never been asked. Why wait to be asked, volunteer yourself as a member to these committees. If you care, you will call up a committee and volunteer. ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?

You feel that you have no skills in anything beneficial to the Lodge. Everyone has a skill which can be used, even if it is a hard working body. If you don't have the necessary skills needed for a committee, you can be trained. Now who has no skill to help the Lodge?

I am watching and waiting for you to start working on a committee, be it Lodge committee or Chapter committee. WILL YOU LET ME DOWN?

I was there when you said "I do here by promise.....". I was there when my Brother Mento said "We who bear the obligation.....".

So if you care, volunteer for a committee. It is only right that you see the Arrow and then follow it for a bigger and better Lodge. Do you want this? DO YOU CARE?

In spirit,  
Mantowajan Alluns



**LEAD 1981**

**XMAS BANQUET**

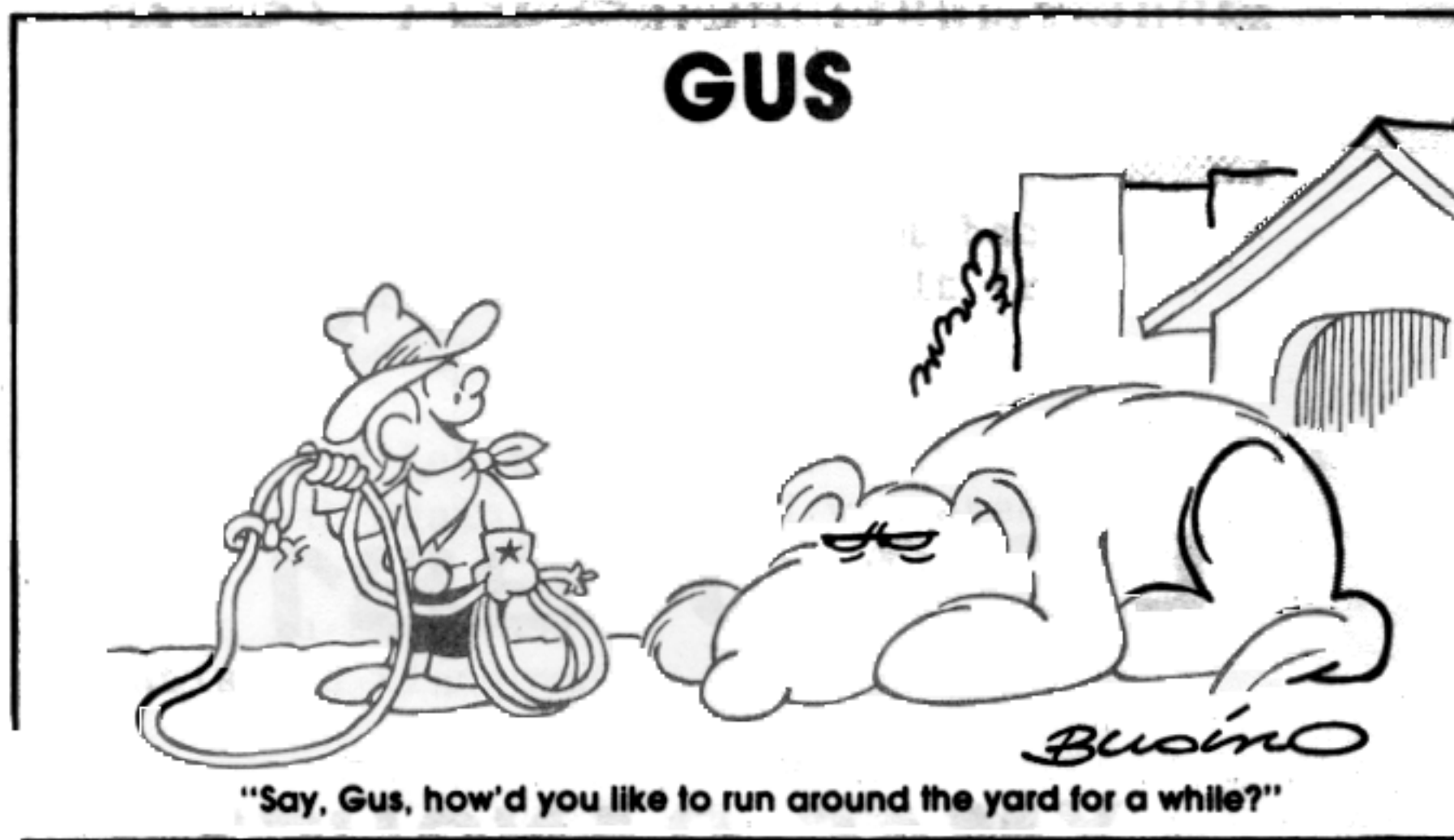
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WISE MAN SAY: An optimist builds castles in the sky. A dreamer lives there. And a realist collects rent from them both.



**WE DON'T MEAN TO BUG YOU, BUT...**



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1982 DUES? SEND \$2.00 TO THE SCOUT SERVICE CENTER, & MARK IT "O.A." DUES.



CALENDER OF  
1982

DECEMBER

- 5 - LEAD '81  
6 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
12 - O-A VIGIL  
17 - CHRISTMAS BANQUET

JANUARY

- 3 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY

- 7 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
19 - O-A WINTER ORDEAL

MARCH

- 6 - COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING  
7 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL

- 4 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
27 - SE-1 CONFERENCE

MAY

- 2 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE

- 4 - SPRING ORDEAL  
6 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY

- 6 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST

- 1 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER

- 5 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
10 - SUMMER ORDEAL

OCTOBER

- 4 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
9 - LODGE OFFICER TRAINING

NOVEMBER

- 7 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
13 - SCOUT FAIR

DECEMBER

- 5 - O-A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
11 - O-A VIGIL  
16 - CHRISTMAS BANQUET

# sharpening skills

## PRECAUTIONS IN USING WATER

A person inexperienced in the outdoors will want to be thrifty in his use of water and will benefit from a few precautions suggested here:

- ◆ Nothing should be eaten if water is not available - eating uses up the body's water reserve.
- Water should be stored in the stomach and not in the canteen; people have died from dehydration with water still in their canteen.
- Water polluted by animals or mud tastes bad, but is harmless if boiled.
- Muddy water can be partially cleared by allowing it to stand overnight, run several thickness of cloth or a grass fliter through it, or seep through the bank into a hole dug about a foot away. If the water is brackish or salty, the top six inches of salty soil between the hole and the source of water should be removed before the water is allowed to seep into the hole.
- ◆ There should be no traveling during the heat of the day and walking should be done slowly, not in a hurry.
- ◆ Such things as pebbles in the mouth, small sips of water, and chewing gum may relieve thirst, but they do not stop dehydration.

Remember, these are primarily emergency situations concerning water, but are important enough to remember.

(Taken from OUTDOOR SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES by Larry Dean Olsen.)

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# ELUWAK WITAWEMATPANNI



Are you an active arrowman? Did you attend the last Ordeal? Have you, if eligible, sealed your membership in the Order of The Arrow by obtaining Brotherhood? Are you an active member of a committee? Do you attend as many lodge events as possible or just those YOU "feel like going to"? Have you ever visited an executive committee meeting? If you can't say yes to at least four of the above questions you are hurting the lodge. Attending, dues paid, active members are what the lodge needs to be the best in SE 1. Remember you were elected not for what you have done but what you are EXPECTED TO DO.

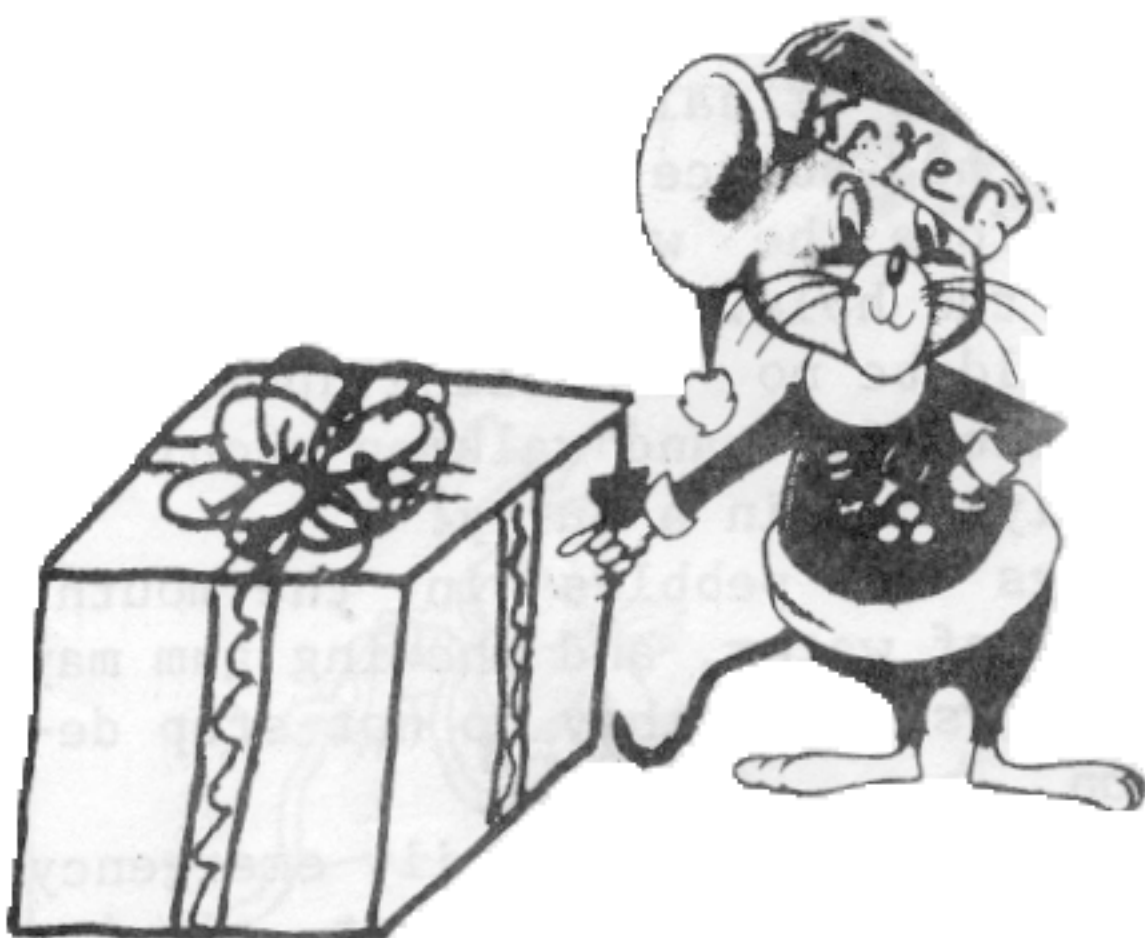
Walter Deal  
Your Lay Adviser

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