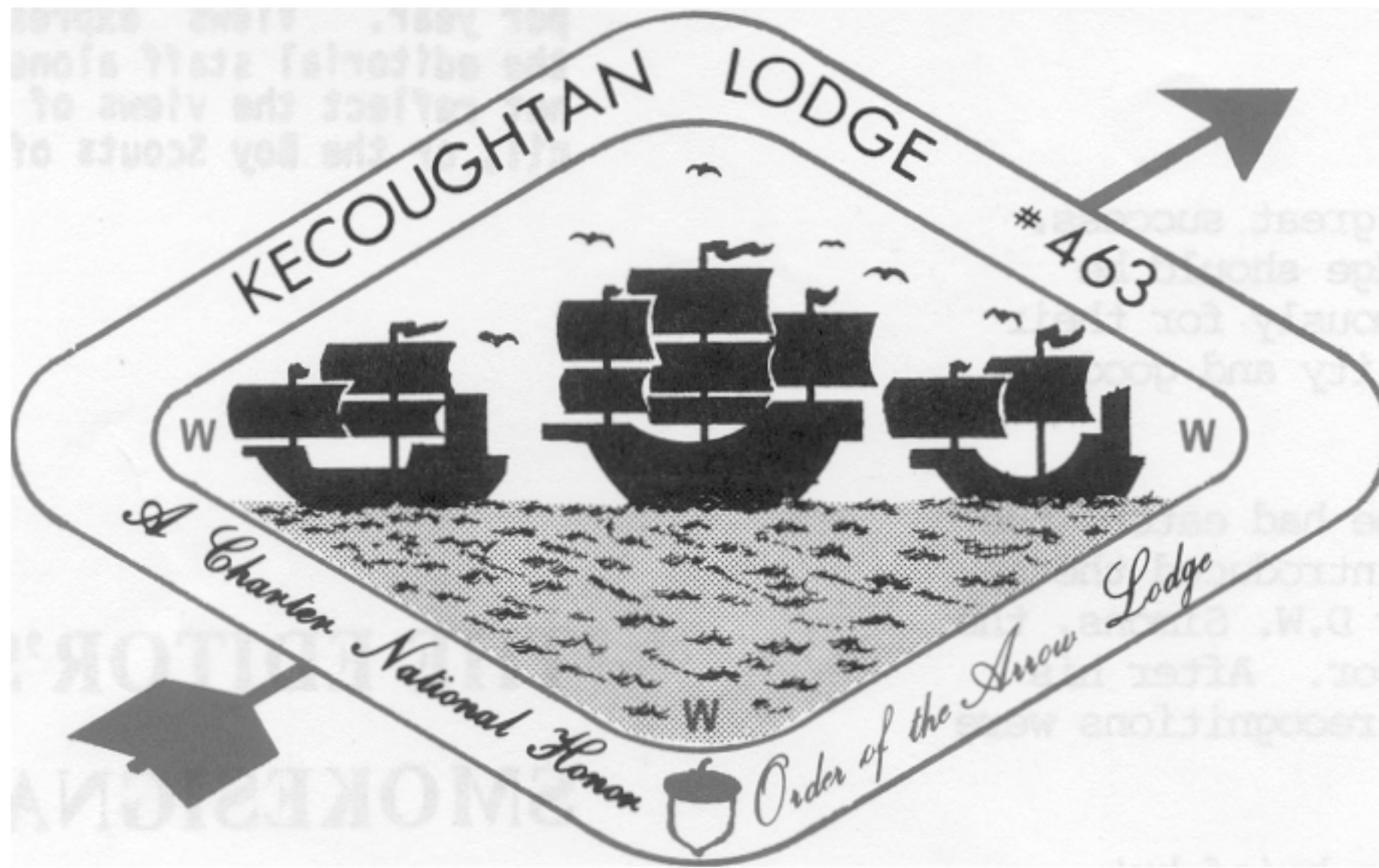


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CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The 1983 Christmas Banquet was a good ending for a great year of successful endeavors. This year's banquet was held on Thursday, December 15th, at the Warwick Moose Lodge on Turlington Road. As we entered the Lodge, we registered and received our patch for the Banquet.

The 1983 Banquet began with 200 arrowmen and friends saying the Obligation begun by Lodge Chief James Friesz. After welcoming everyone there, Jim introduced the guests at the head table.



XMAS BANQUET

Dinner was a great success. The Moose Lodge should be thanked enormously for their fine hospitality and good food.

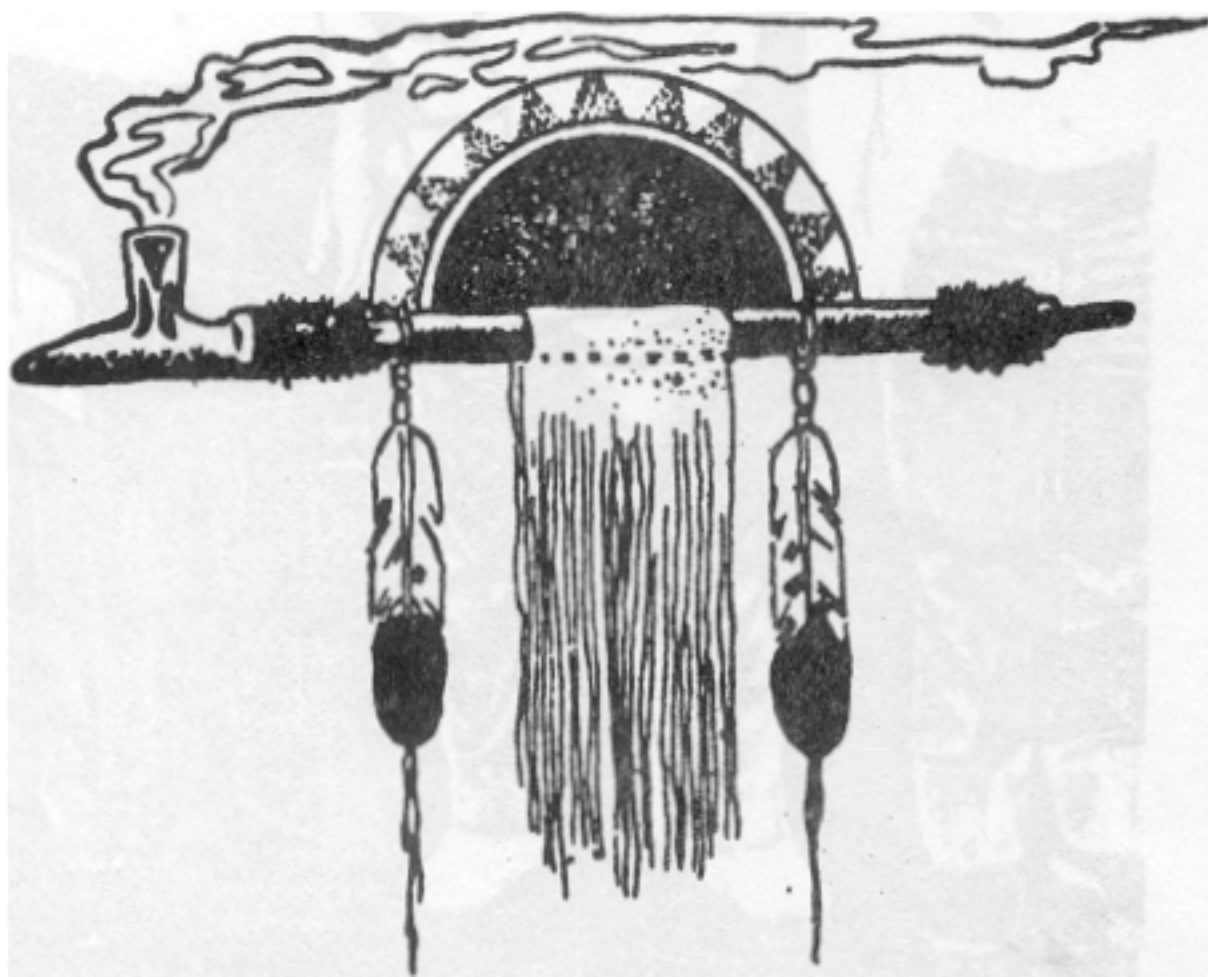
After everyone had eaten, the Lodge Chief introduced the guest speaker D.W. Simons, the Section Advisor. After his speech, some recognitions were made.

Mr. Deal, in a brief but impressive ceremony, turned over his position as Lodge Advisor to H. C. Ewing.

Then three people were honored as Vigils. The three new Vigils were Herb Sullivan, John Turlington, and Leigh Robertson.

The Banquet was closed with the Arrowman's Song. May you all have a Happy New Year.

Yours in Service,
Leigh C. Robertson
Klampeechen Wulamallsin



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THE EDITOR'S SMOKESIGNALS



My Fellow Brothers,

As I look back on 1983, I can see that we have had a good year. Our membership has increased; we have worked diligently at the Ordeals; our Executive Committee is coming together and is trying to improve things; we have gained H.C. Ewing as our new Lodge Advisor; and we face a new year ready to do our best for Scouting.

In the upcoming year it is my hope that you will send letters to me, either in approval or disapproval, over Lodge events and the Kryer. Also if anyone would like to join the Kryer crowd and get into Lodge events, I will be more than happy to help.

In Fellowship,
Klampeechen Wulamallsin



CHRISTMAS

BANQUET

Our New Lodge Advisor

Mr. H.C. Ewing joined scouting in 1935 at the then minimum age of 12 years, becoming a charter member of Chestnut Memorial Methodist Church. He was an active Scout for a period of time. His education was furthered when he matriculated at V.P.I. and successfully pursued a degree in Engineering. His employment was with Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company with an entrance position of apprentice draftsman to a position of management administration.

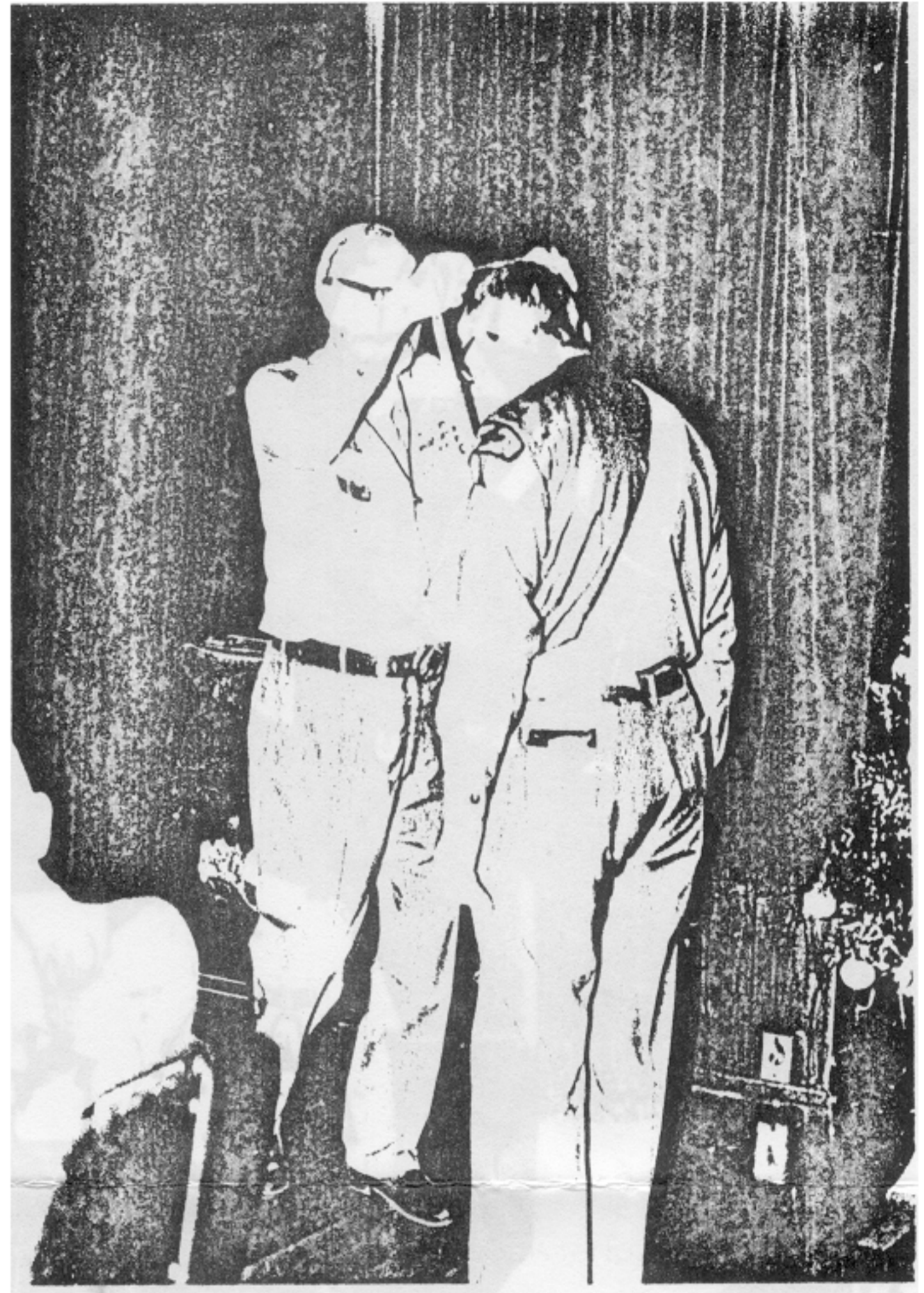
H.C. Ewing and his wife, Margaret, are the proud parents of two Eagle Scouts. Margaret has seen H.C. serve as committeeman, Webelos Leader and become assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 43. He was a leader of the Peninsula National Jamboree Troop in 1973 and again in 1977 and in 1981, and the World Jamboree in 1983.

A Scouter who has been active as a unit leader with many "second to none" leadership experiences on High Adventures for Scouting, Troop 43 was honored with his leadership on a 66 mile hike on the C & O Canal, several historic trails and fifty milers.

A leader and trainer of adults as well as boys, in 1978 he became the District Chairman of the then Western District of the Peninsula Council. His leadership made possible the name change of the district to the more descriptive name of Newport News District.

Honors such as Training Key, Vigil of the Order of the Arrow and District Award of Merit attest to his outstanding service to youth. He has also been presented the Silver Beaver Award from our Council.

Good luck to H.C. and may he look forward to many happy ears as our Lodge Advisor.



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



Don't forget to pay your membership dues this year. Part of your dues supports the Kryer. So, no pay, no Kryer.

**GUIDELINES FOR SAFELY USING
CHEMICAL STOVES AND LANTERNS**

1. Use compressed or liquid-gas stoves and/or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision, and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted.
2. Operate and maintain regularly according to manufacturers instructions included with the stove or lantern.
3. Store fuel in approved containers and in storage under adult supervision. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100°F.
4. Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gases or refilling from bottles of liquid gas.
5. Refill liquid gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from any flames, including other stoves, campfires, and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.
6. Never fuel a stove or lantern inside a cabin; always do this out-of-doors. Do not operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low, to provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gases. Never fuel, ignite, or operate a stove or lantern in a tent.
7. Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operating. On snow, place insulated support under the stove to prevent melting and tipping.
8. Periodically check fittings on compressed-gas stoves and on pressurized liquid-gas stoves for leakage with soap solution before lighting.
9. When lighting a stove keep fuel bottles and extra cannisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side. Open the stove valve quickly for two full turns and light carefully, with head, fingers, and hands to the side of the burner. Then adjust down.
10. Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
11. Do not overload the stovetop with extra-heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, set up a separate grill with legs to hold the pot and place stove under grill.
12. Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated.



A WORD ABOUT OUR HISTORY

Kecoughtan Lodge #463 was founded on June 14, 1951, when 14 Scouts and 2 Scouters were administered the Ordeal by Blue Heron Lodge at Camp Waters, Virginia. The name of the Lodge comes from the Indian tribe which welcomed the first permanent settlers to North America in what is now known as Hampton, Virginia part of our Council and Lodge.

The first Lodge patch, issued in 1951 was a small red and green arrowhead with an arrow near the top and an acorn in the center. The Lodge name framed the acorn; and the initials, "W W W" defined the three corners of the arrow-point portion of the arrowhead design. The acorn, which became the Lodge Totem, gave birth to the Lodge motto, "From the little acorn the mighty oak tree grows." This was symbolic of the young Scout maturing and furthering the Scouting movement. The arrowhead signified the straight true course of Scouting and the ties of the Order to Indian lore.

In 1953, as the Lodge grew, a pocket flap was designed and put into use. It contains as its main points 3 acorns and 2 Confederate flags. The acorns, the Lodge Totem, serve as backgrounds for "W W W" and remind us of the 3 parts of the Scout Oath and the 12 points of the Scout Law. The flanking Confederate flags signify both the past and the future. They remind us that we are entering a future in which labels cannot be trusted to reveal the worth of an individual; and at the same time they recall bravery, integrity and self-sacrifice.

The black background stands for the confidential nature of the ceremonies of the Order; and the silver lettering and edge denote the brightness of an Arrowman's spirit which causes him to be guided toward service toward others over service to self. The first Kecoughtan flap had a cut edge. Since 1956 all have had merrowed edges, further signifying the unbroken Brotherhood chain. The flap design has not changed since 1953; however, minor variations in size and shape have been experienced as suppliers changed.

1960 brought a Lodge neckerchief of light blue cloth mounted with an arrowhead-shaped patch at the apex. The patch shows the 3 ships of the Jamestown settlers (symbolizing the part the lower peninsula of Virginia played in the founding of our country) and the Lodge Totem, an acorn. The original specifications for the neckerchief patch remain unchanged, but the outline has been distorted gradually through the years until one can hardly recognize the shape as an arrowhead.

Kecoughtan has approximately 500 members in 4 chapters which coincide geographically with the Council districts: MATTAPONI CHAPTER - Colonial District - Williamsburg, Poquoson and the counties of York and James City; WENDAMEN CHAPTER - Northern Star District - counties of Gloucester and Mathews; KISKIACK CHAPTER - Western District - Newport News; and PAMUNKEY CHAPTER - Hampton District - Hampton.

1984 HONOR MEMBER PATCH

Now is the time to look over the requirements for the Honor Patch for the coming year. All of the requirements must be completed between January 1st and December 17th, 1984. Keep your own records of the events you attend; when qualified for patch, give your record to the Lodge Recording Secretary for approval.

We wish to recognize the following people for earning the 1983 HONOR PATCH.

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| Sam Clymans | J.D. Russell |
| Walter Deal | Brock Robertson |
| H.C. Ewing | Leigh Robertson |
| Joe Hudgins | Craig Robertson |
| Noel Hudgins | Marc Robertson |
| J.J. Maufas | Eric Robertson |
| Louis Penci | Bailey Tudder |
| Richard Penci | |

- A. Attend three of the five following:
 - Beaver Day Date _____
 - Summer Ordeal Date _____
 - Spring Ordeal Date _____
 - Winter Ordeal Date _____
 - Christmas Banquet Date _____
- B. Participate in at least your Chapter election or in the Annual Lodge elections. (Boy only) Date _____
- C. Earn Brotherhood, if eligible. Date _____
- D. Accomplish a minimum of five of the following:
 - 1. Attend a Section Conclave Date _____
 - 2. Attend a Section Seminar Date _____
 - 3. Attend a National Conf. Date _____
 - 4. Attend a National Indian Seminar Date _____
 - 5. Attend a Lodge Business Meeting Date _____
 - 6. Attend a Council of Chief's Meeting Date _____
 - 7. Have a visitation of an outside Lodge function Date _____
 - 8. Promote Camping by means of a unit visitation Date _____
 - 9. Work on a Summer Camp Staff Date _____
 - 10. Have a long term camping experience Date _____
 - 11. Attend a Lodge Training Conference Date _____
 - 12. Be a Lodge or Chapter Officer Date _____
 - 13. Be a Chairman for a Lodge or Chapter Committee Date _____
 - 14. Attend a Chapter Business Meeting Date _____
 - 15. Work on a Lodge or Chapter Committee Date _____
 - 16. Be a Lodge or Chapter Adviser Date _____
 - 17. Have a Visitation by the Unit Elections Team to your Unit Date _____
 - 18. Attend a Chapter event Date _____
 - * 19. Ten Days & Nights of Camping with your unit. Date _____
 - * 20. Earn Honor Camping Award Date _____

CAMPERS!

The Camping Committee needs your help. Time, money, and equipment are needed in order that a successful camp program be prepared this year.

Immediate need is for two 80 gallon electric water heaters. If you are interested, contact Bill Johnson/Brock Robertson.



LODGE OFFICERS

- Lodge Chief - James Friesz 838-8003
- Vice-Chief - Branden Baca 867-8528
- Treasurer - Glenn Brag
- Recording Sec.-L. Robertson 898-9049
- Membership Sec.-Sam Cubbage 838-0993
- Camping Promo.- Jim Smith 220-0170
- Ceremonial- Troy D'Agostino 874-7408
- Cooking - Glenn Brag
- Newsletter - L. Robertson 898-9049
- Service - Mr. D'Agostino 877-2811
- Unit Elections-Branden Baca 867-8528
- Kiskiack Chief-Dennis Dabney 877-3529
- Mattaponi Chief-Craig Robertson 898-90
- Pamunkey Chief-Vincent Kidd 851-1144
- Wendamen Chief- Art Simpson 692-4527

Order of the Arrow

As your new Lodge Advisor, I feel like a lost Indian on the great plains. I don't see many buffalos to kill; I don't see many arrowmen either; therefore, the plains are wide open for us all to participate in cheerful service.

I challenge you to participate in your lodge this coming year through lodge committees and most important, attend all lodge functions. The adult leadership has many resources that you, young arrowmen, can tap to make our lodge great. I will not do your work, but I'll give you every resource you need to get the job done.

Our lodge officers attended LOT for '83. They received the spark that can kindle our fires to great heights. I am proud of them, they asked for and received additional planning session training. They must have your input to keep their sparks going.

This is the year for participation - try it - you'll like it!

GLAKELENDAM WOAKUS - Excited Grey Fox

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