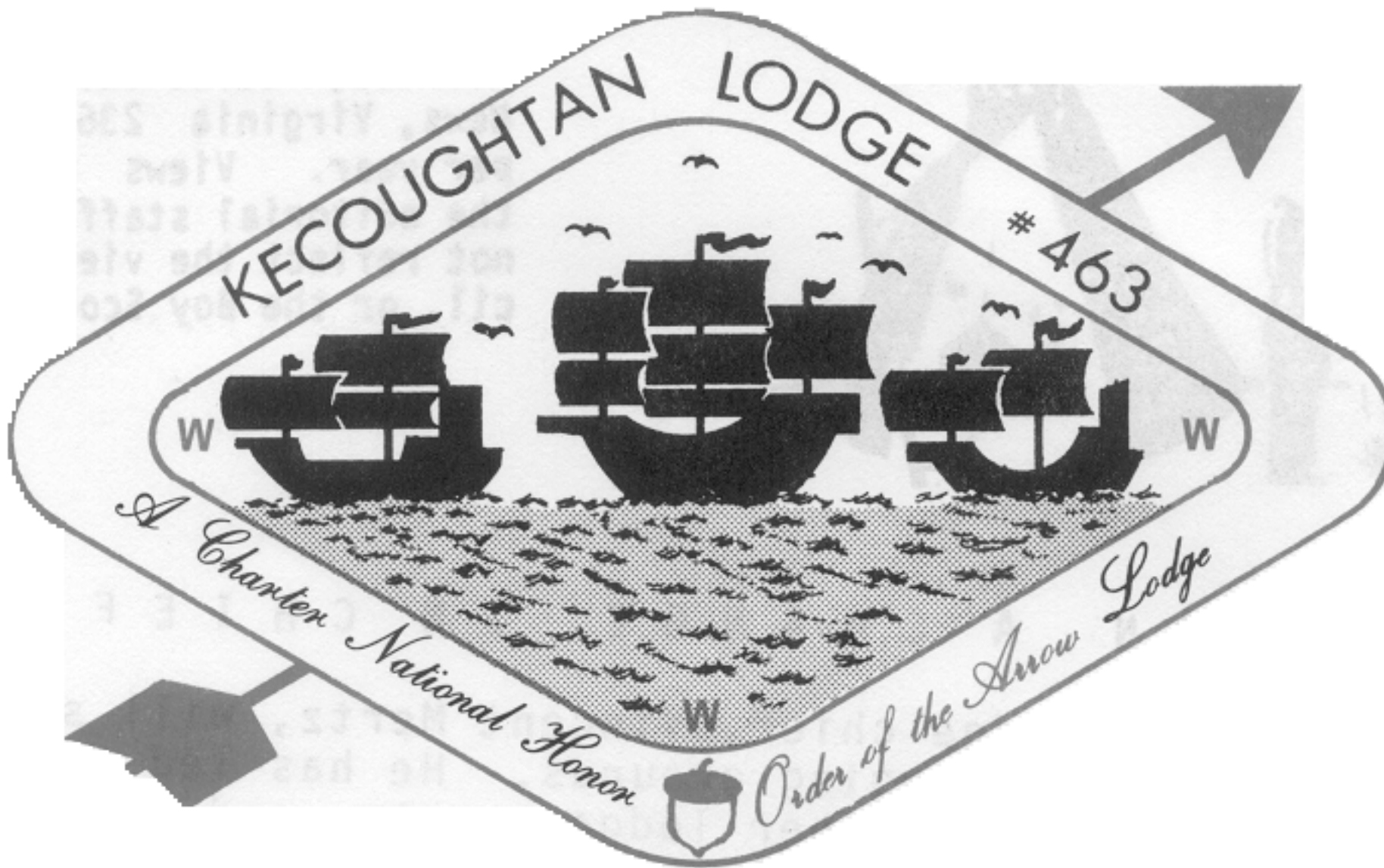


# KECOUGHTAN LODGE



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" from the tiny acorn, the mighty oak tree grows "

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## YOUR MAN IN CAMP

Welcome, Brothers, to this edition of "Your man in Camp" brought to you by the purveyors of cheerful service, channel 463 WWV on your dial. Today, honored campers, we will be interviewing Mr. Mike E. Angelo, the president of Renaissance Renovators, the company involved in the extensive upgrade of Camp Chicahominy during this, our June Ordeal."

"Tell me, Mr. Angelo, what major projects does Mark Miller have you and your staff of experts involved in?"

"Well, I'll tell you, we are involved in the typical Ordeal functions of custom tent pallet production, weed tending, and drainage ditch landscaping, etc. However, there are two new projects that my company is involved in. The first is the production and construction of the handicap sight behind the mess hall. We have remodeled the latrines and pathways to make them compatible with wheelchairs. The second major project is the reconstruction of the camp chapel. As you know, of course, we have extensive experience in chapel renovation, but this one presented some peculiar problems. First off, we did not have enough scaffolding to paint the ceiling, so we had to resort to the space effect and let the stars be natural. Secondly, we were unable to patch the crack of dawn, so we had to accept the beautiful sunrise effect over the lake. We were, however, able to restore the magnificent pews and remove some of the dead wood from the entrance."

"Thank you, Mr. Angelo, for your time away from construction" and now, readers, this brings to a close our edition of "Your Man in Camp" sponsored by Kecoughtan Lodge. A special note of thanks goes out to Chief Vincent Mertz for a superb job of insuring great weather, excellent food and wholesome fellowship to all who attended.

# FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



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## \*\* NOTES ON A CHANGE IN CHIEFS \*\*

Brothers, our lodge chief, Vincent Mertz, will soon be leaving us for other stomping grounds. He has led us through good ordeals and all the other lodge events, and he has led us well. He will leave us a lodge with increased members, improved administration, and good morale. He will pass all this on to his vice chief, Craig Robertson. With prior planning, good advice, and solid leadership we will continue to grow, both in numbers and in quality.

Your Friend in Brotherhood,

**CRAIG ROBERTSON**

Lodge Vice Chief/Lodge Chief

## From The Editor's Desk

### \*\*\* HOW CAN I SERVE MY LODGE? \*\*\*

Many arrowmen ask themselves this but are not interested enough to really find out how they can truly serve their Lodge. With the upcoming Fall Ordeal and Lodge Elections, every arrowman should ask himself this question. With our old Lodge Chief leaving, it opens the way for new ideas and positive changes. Vince did a great job as Lodge Chief because he was truly interested in serving his Lodge. Since service is the most basic idea of the Order of the Arrow, I feel that you, the arrowman, should run for an office. Maybe you are not going to run for Lodge Chief, but there are a variety of offices, both on Lodge and Chapter levels. So, think about it; do you want to be one of those people who complain about the decisions, one of those followers, or do you want to be one of those helping to run things, leading, making decisions??? The choice is up to you!!! Just remember that elections are coming up in September, and you could be one helping to run the Lodge, living up to the O.A ideals of service to others. Think about it.

Yours in Service,

Keegan Leonard

# CHAPTER CHATTER

## MATTAPONI

Mattaponi Chapter is still going strong. Though there have not been a lot of activities taking place this summer, we expect things to pick up in September when school starts and new officers are elected. There are still a few chapter pins and patches left so pick them up at the Chapter meetings. Our Chapter meetings are on the third Sunday of every month at the Naval Weapons Station Scout Hut. Please make an effort to be there, Mattaponi Chapter Members!!

Yours in Service

Keegan Leonard  
Mattaponi Vice-Chief

## KISKIACK

Kiskiack Chapter is on the move! Things are starting to look good. There was an important chapter meeting at Second Presbyterian Church on August 18. A Kiskiack back patch is being designed and different designs were discussed. Also discussed were plans for the upcoming Kiskiack Chapter Beaver Day. If you have any questions, call me at 872-8690 or my vice-chief, Joe Trechter, at 877-9313.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Scott Easter  
Kiskiack Chapter Chief



WISE MAN SAY:

" 'tis better to keep silent and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt. "

**\*\* NATIONAL CHIEF'S CHALLENGE \*\***

While attending the National Jamboree I went to the National O. A. meeting. The National Chief's Challenge was announced there. The theme for this year's challenge is "We who love the woods and camping." The National Chief has challenged us to better promote camping within our own council because we are a brotherhood of honored campers; and it is our duty to promote the activities upon which our brotherhood is founded. We should return to the reason for which our order was instituted, to honor those scouts who have shown outstanding service to their unit through leadership and excellence in camping.

It was also announced that the National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held next August. More information will be available on the conference when we begin planning for this event.

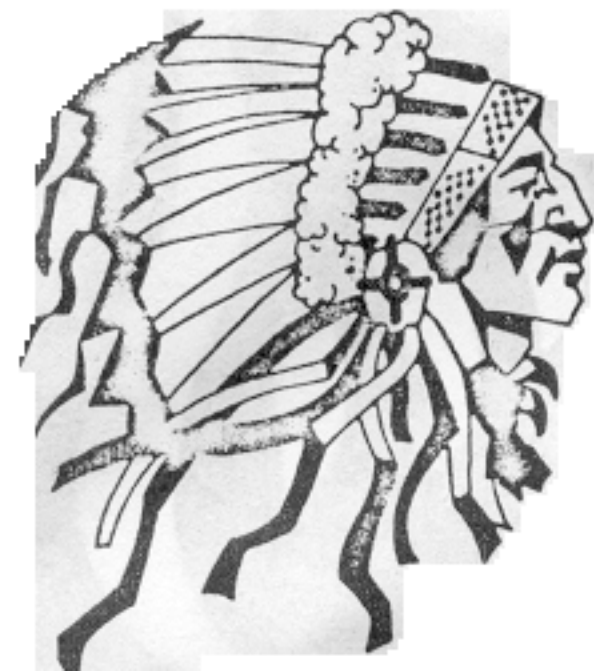
Yours in Brotherhood,  
Lee Clodfelter  
Lodge Sec./Treasurer

## Be Involved!

As a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow I am obligated to become an active part of the Kecoughtan Lodge and I wish to serve the Lodge to the best of my ability. To fulfill this I am running for the office of Lodge Chief because I feel that in this position I will be serving the Lodge in the best way possible. I feel that I am qualified for this office because I have experience in the office of Lodge Secretary/Treasurer. I attended the 1985 SE-8 Conclave at Camp Siouan and I also attended the most recent SE-8 Council of Chiefs meeting in Charlottesville. Because of my role as a lodge officer I have taken part in most of the decision making done for the lodge at the executive board meetings. I am very active in the Lodge. Aside from being a lodge officer I am on the Lodge Ceremonial Team, and I have worked in the kitchen at Ordeals. I would very much appreciate your support for me for Lodge Chief, Brothers.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Lee Clodfelter  
Lodge Sec./Treasurer

Definition of a genius: a person who aims at something no one else can see and hits it.



**\*\* SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT \*\***

Elections are coming up very soon and my term in office is coming to an end. During my term as Lodge Secretary/Treasurer I enjoyed working for the Lodge and with the people in it. I have met many member of the Lodge while in office, and most of you know me because of my role as secretary/treasurer. I appreciate the support many of you have given me and hope that you will continue your support of me in other offices in the future. Thank you, Brothers!!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Lee Clodfelter  
Lodge Sec./Treasurer

**\*\*\* CEREMONIAL \*\*\***

Greetings, Brothers! My name is Mike Washburn, and I have taken over the job of ceremonial team chairman from Jim Muehlbauer. I would like to express my thanks to Jim for doing such a fine job on ceremonies. My hope is that I can carry on the outstanding tradition of having excellent ceremonies. Right now the ceremonial team is doing great. Parts have been assigned and practiced for the fall Ordeal. As always, the ceremonial team can use more people. Whether it's a torchbearer, runner, or actual speaking character, we need people for all of them. If you have any questions or have an interest in becoming part of the ceremonial team, please feel free to call me at 898-7360 and ask for Mike.

Yours in Scouting  
Mike Washburn

**SERVICE**

The last ordeal was very successful in getting much needed work done. Some of the projects included renovation of the chapel and fixing up the handicap campsite. There is still much work to be done. Work is being planned for the fall ordeal. If you have any questions, call Mark Miller at 851-3081.

" I am glad that I shall never be young  
without wild country to be young in.

- Aldo Leopold

## ADVISOR MINUTE

**PARTICIPATION** - Look back to last September when Chief Mertz took over. He has made it work! Now he is leaving us for the Air Force.

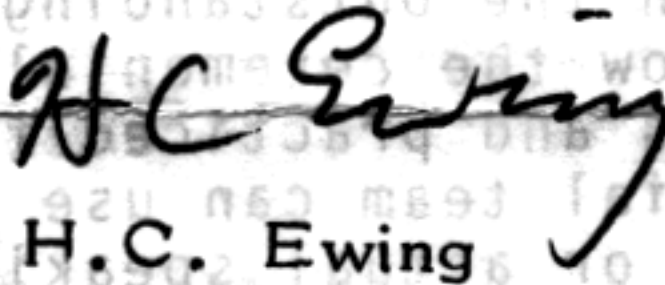
Could you imagine what our lodge could do if every one was a Vicent Mertz! What service to scouting would be accomplished.

Vincent was a newcomer to us, moved in, joined up and continued his energetic work that he started in Hawaii. Many new ideas have been incorporated into our lodge life with Vincent's leadership.

More will follow, he has us thinking now. As lodge advisor, I have enjoyed working with this enthusiastic arrowman.

Yes Vince, you have PARTICIPATED; you have made a difference in our lodge. We all thank you for the tireless energy you have spent on us and with us. You will not be forgotten. We wish you the best in your Air Force Career.

Now, let us all pick up the PARTICIPATION under the guidance of our new chief, Craig Robertson. Yes, Craig, you have our support.



H. C. Ewing  
Glakelendam Woakus

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