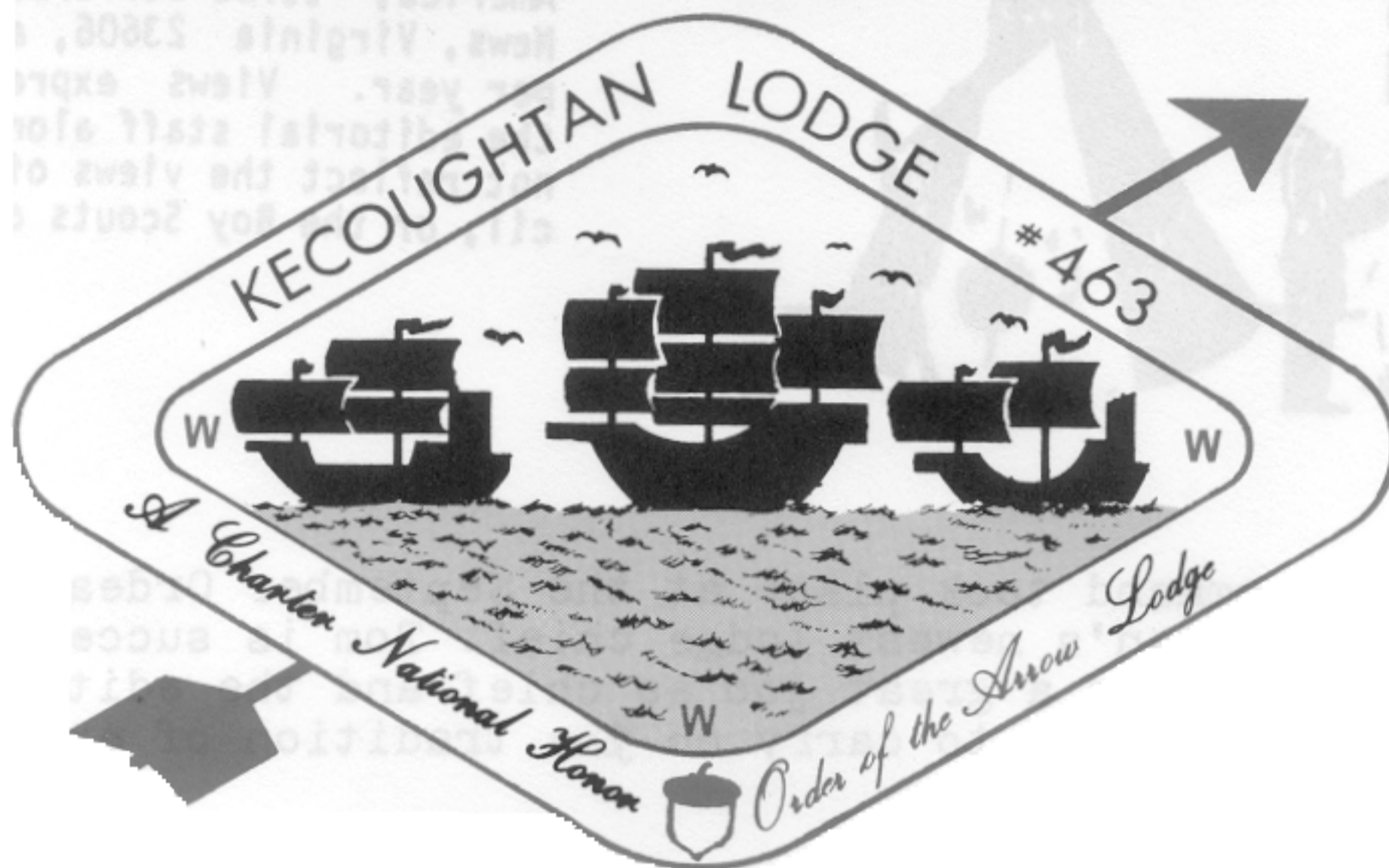


KECOUGHTAN KRYER



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INFECTION SPREADS

Well, arrowmen, I hope this finds all of you with a happy, joyous, renewed spirit for the coming scouting year. The holiday season, as I hope most of you know, is a time of giving, sharing, and caring for others. The attitude is infectious, that means you can catch it. How many times in the past week or so have you heard or said, with a smile on your face and in your heart, "Merry Christmas" or, "Happy Holidays"? Many, I imagine. And how many of these greetings were returned in the same spirit? Probably all except for the ones rendered by Scrooge.

Have you ever given it any thought to what it would be like to be in a society of continuous Holiday Cheer; that is where everyone was helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, cheerful, and reverent, or one where everyone cheerfully served the needs of others and loved one another. It would be great, wouldn't it?

Well behold, brothers, we do. We have our own "subculture" or mini society. It's called Scouting, or, more specifically, the OA. Some of you more astute individuals probably recognized the scout laws mentioned above. Hopefully you also caught some of the basic tenets of our order, that is cheerful service and love one another. Brothers, this is not for the Holiday Season between Turkey Day and Christmas. It is, or should be, a part of your daily lives. How many times have you raised your right hand and repeated the Scout Oath, Scout Law, or the OA obligation and really thought about what you were saying and what impact it would have on your life and those around you. Infect them- Give it away. It's free you know.

Spirit of the Pen



FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



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A big change in command took place at the September Ordeal. Tom West became Kecoughtan's newest lodge chief. Tom is succeeding Lee Clodfelter. Lee did a great job as chief and the editorial staff thinks Tom is going to carry on the tradition of excellence. Welcome aboard, Tom.

THE EDITOR'S SMOKESIGNALS



Well, arrowman, another great year has come and gone. With it went many great experiences. How involved were you? If the number of events you participated in can be counted on a few fingers, now is the time for you to reform. 1987 is a big year for Kecoughtan Lodge! Along with the usual varied assortment of ordeals, fellowships, and beaver days comes the '87 Conclave. As some of you may know, and as some of you may not, we are hosting the Conclave. Here is your chance to shine. Jump on the bandwagon now and participate. Participate? How? you may ask. Since this is an important time to participate, you are in luck. Show your support for the lodge. Come to the ordeals, encourage your fellow brothers to attend fellowships, and especially come to the beaver days to prepare for the Conclave. If you are interested in working on a committee, come to an ordeal and sign up. Never think you are not needed! The more participation we get, the better our lodge will be. Remember, 1987 is going to be a landmark year, and we need you to make it happen to the standards that Kecoughtan Lodge is famous for.

See You In '87
Keegan Leonard

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NOAC '87 was a success! Ask anyone who went. After an impressive opening show, arrowman set off to various places. The main purpose of the the conference was to gain a better understanding of the lodge and the OA in general. Classes consisted of lodge administration, camping promotions, ceremonies, etc. Throughout the week there were competitions in ceremonies and dance. There were also competitions of the physical sort. Each lodge played football with other lodges. In the end, Kecoughtan came out #9 in the entire nation- with the winning touchdown being brought in by the incredible Mike Washburn. Over all the experience was well worth it as was shown on the faces of the satisfied arrowman at the closing ceremony. This little synopsis does little justice to the experience so for a full report, go find someone who went and ask them about it.

CONCLAVE

BEAVER WORK DAYS

Arrowmen! A great event is almost upon us. The 1987 SE- 8 Conclave is going to be hosted by us- Kecoughtan at our, own Camp Chickahominy. Since the conclave is right around the corner, we need all the help and support you can muster. Aside from the regular ordeals, there will be several beaver days to prepare the camp. We need your help. Please show your support. Encourage your friends. We want every other lodge attending the Conclave to walk away marvelling at Kecoughtan's enthusiasm, participation, efficiency, and our willingness to do a little cheerful service. The decision is up to you- be a part of the action or hide in the weeds and watch.

Beaver Days will be held on the following dates : March 21, April 11, and April 24, 1987

HOST LODGE FLAP

Here's the chance of a scouting lifetime! All you patchhounds take note. Since Kecoughtan Lodge is hosting the 1987 Conclave, it has been seen fit to create a special, limited host lodge flap. This will be no ordinary, 7 hour, \$2.50 patch. This patch will require true participation. Only the people dedicated to serving the lodge will be eligible to earn this patch. If you ever needed an incentive to participate, this is it. Start thinking now how you will show support for your lodge.

Restrictin will be: 14 hours of Conclave- related service and 2 per life

Conservation Tips



TWENTY-FIVE WAYS TO AID WILDLIFE

1. Observe game and fish laws and regulations. Encourage others to do the same.
2. Report violations of game laws to your nearest game warden. This is just being a good citizen.
3. Help plant wildlife food patches in the spring where you expect to hunt in the fall.
4. Encourage "living edges and fence-rows" for wildlife.
5. Plant up power lines and telephone rights-of-way to wildlife foods.
6. Leave some extra crops for wildlife when harvesting.
7. Practice soil conservation farming: strip cropping, terracing, contour plowing, controlled grazing, and other wise land use.
8. Plant and encourage field borders for wildlife.
9. Help stabilize soil on streambanks, roadsides, fills, gullies, dams, etc. by planting proper grasses, shrubs, and trees.
10. Wherever possible, help out in worthwhile stream-improvement projects.
11. Save den and food-bearing trees and shrubs.
12. Help put out food for wildlife during critical winter periods.
13. Protect woods and brushland from fire.
14. Build and erect nesting boxes, wildlife shelters, and feeding stations.
15. Do not molest wildlife during nesting season. Better yet, leave young wildlife strictly alone.
16. Help establish a community forest, park, natural area, or wildlife sanctuary.
17. Help save your local swamp, marsh, or wetland area for wildlife.
18. Build one or several farm ponds and set aside a section for wildlife.
19. When traveling the highways and byways in motor vehicles, slow down for wildlife--give wild mammals and birds the brake pedal.
20. In hunting game, avoid crippling losses. Shoot to kill and kill clean.
21. Help keep our waters clean by not discarding trash and rubbish improperly out of doors. Fight pollution where you can.
22. Help organize a wildlife or conservation club in your community and keep it active with worthwhile conservation projects.
23. Learn about wildlife and natural resources all that you can and join the swelling ranks of "disciples for conservation."
24. Support the work of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and other conservation agencies by lending your voice and your actions to sound legislation and good management practices.
25. Keep informed on wildlife and related natural resources, including values, problems and needs. Only by being well informed can you hope to exercise your full responsibility as a citizen in behalf of conservation.

CHAPTER CHATTER

MATTAPONI

Mattaponi Chapter ended the year in true style with a highly successful camporee at Camp Chickahominy. The Halloween charm gave the camporee a certain mystique that was felt by all who attended. Those of you in Mattaponi Chapter who did not attend really missed out. On the more serious side, a chapter meeting was held. At the meeting, volunteers were asked to work on the various committees. All but a few positions were filled by those who were truly interested in supporting their lodge and chapter. The chapter is still looking for a few dedicated members to work on the unit elections and camping promotions committees. These committees are vital to a smooth running chapter and lodge. Here's your chance to get involved! Also, if you are interested in working on a special phone committee to "spread the word" throughout the chapter, contact Eric Robertson at 8989049. To aid the jobs of the phone committee, if you are planning to move or otherwise leave the chapter, contact Eric so he can remove your name from the roster. Mattaponi is counting on chapter participation to get the ball rolling and make Mattaponi the best chapter in the lodge.

PAMUNKEY

Pamunkey has nothing to report other than 1986 was a good year for the chapter. Pamunkey hopes to continue to have high support and participation in 1987.

WENDAMEN

Wendamen Chapter had a successful year and hopes to make 1987 the best year ever for the Northern Star arrowmen. Steps are being taken and moves are being made to improve chapter participation in the new year.

KISKIACK

Kiskiack chapter reports that 1986 was a successful year. The energy and enthusiasm were running high and it is hoped that this is a sign of times to come in 1987.



Brotherhood sash

BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Know the Obligation and the Order of the Arrow song, both of which appear below.
2. Know the Admonition, the Sign of Ordeal Membership and the handclasp. (Ask a Brotherhood member either before or at the event you choose as your Brotherhood test.)
3. Remain registered in Scouting and, during a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own unit.
4. Remain registered in the Order of the Arrow and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves an obligation to the lodge and, therefore, develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this additional responsibility.
5. When, after at least 10 months after taking the Ordeal, you feel that you are meeting all of the above requirements and earnestly feel that you are prepared for the Brotherhood, you must write a letter to the Lodge Recording Secretary in which you:
 - a. explain what you think the OBLIGATION means;
 - b. describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or post and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the traditions of the Ordeal to aid you in your service;
 - c. describe the specific plans you have for rendering service to the lodge in fulfillment of the new pledge you expect to take.

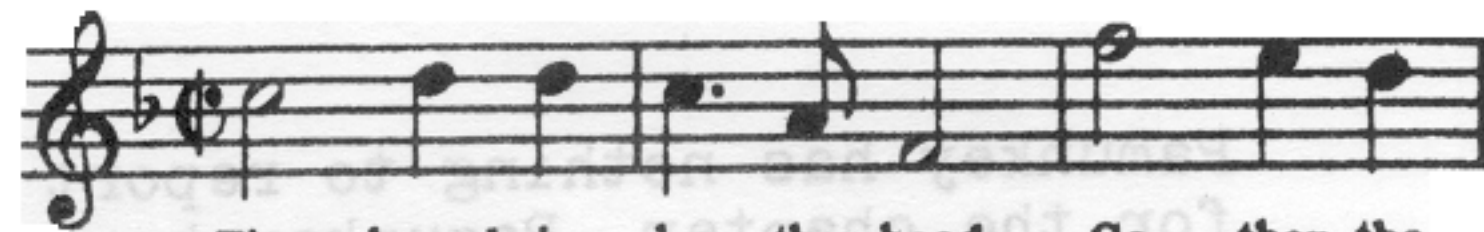
This letter should accompany your reservation and fees for the Ordeal/Fellowship weekend or other Brotherhood advancement event at which you wish to take your Brotherhood test and accept the additional obligations of the Brotherhood.

"The Brotherhood ceremony is the continuation and conclusion of the Order of the Arrow induction." E. Urner Goodman

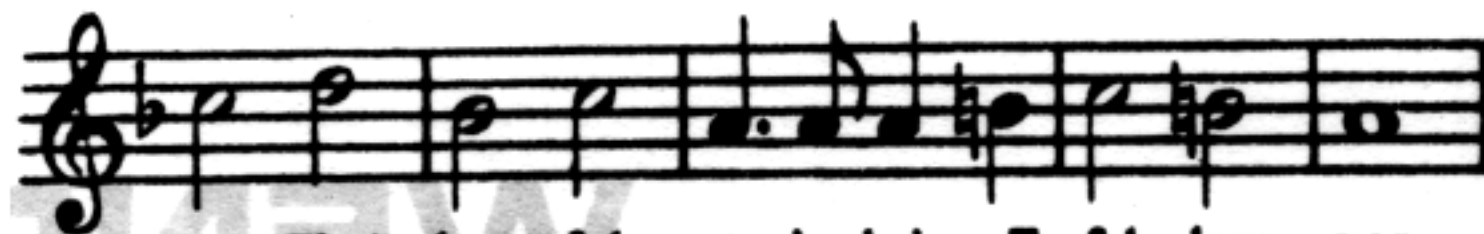
ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG
WORDS BY E. URNER GOODMAN

THE OBLIGATION

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui, I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.



Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga-ther the



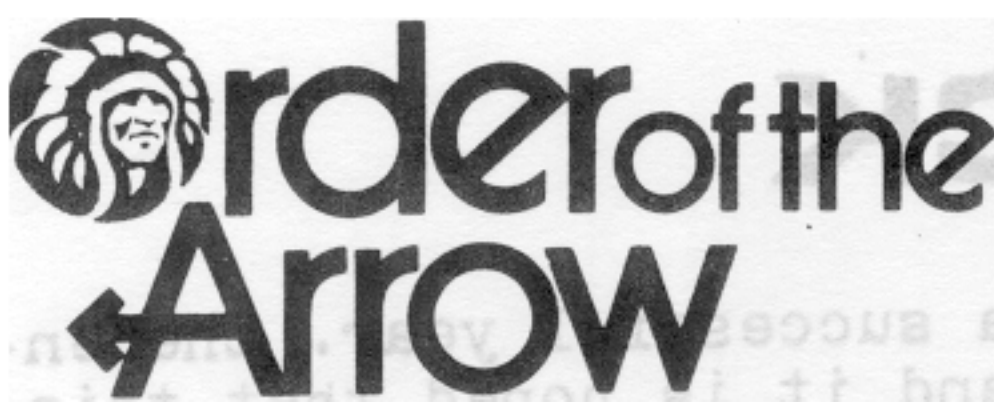
clan That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.



Cir-cle our coun-cil fire, Weld tightly ev-'ry link That



binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach-ten-dienk.



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.

A NIGHT AND A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ELANGOMAT

AA MESSAGE FOR YOU



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 becoming 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 Chickahominy 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

WINTER ORDEAL

Feb 21-23, '87

With all the talk of the Conclave, we cannot forget about our Winter Ordeal. This ordeal promises to be better than ever with fun, fellowship, cheerful service, and the big annual Patch Auction. Help Kecoughtan kick off 1987 with a bang and get the enthusiasm built up. Go to your units and drum up excitement. Make the 1987 Winter Ordeal the best ever!

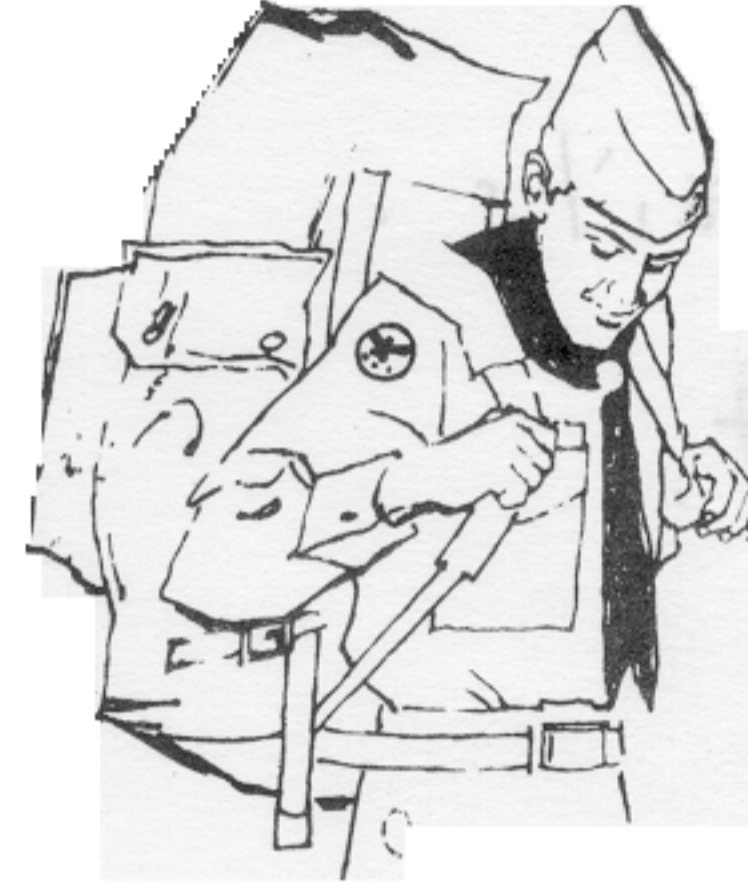
CONSERVATION TIPS

RE-cycling is the word. Recently, after all this talk of pollution and ecology, some companies are finally doing something about it. Glass bottles and aluminum cans are being reused!

Approximately 50 centers have been set up across the nation to buy used clear glass at the going rate of 1¢ a pound. More and more glass-using companies are exploring the possibilities because of the increasing pressure of the American public.

Another item in the news is aluminum. It is being revitalized by big aluminum companies in growing quantities because of the high cost of mining, and tightening government mining standards. Although their closest reclamation center is in Maryland, R. J. Reynolds in Richmond does buy aluminum cans and scrap.

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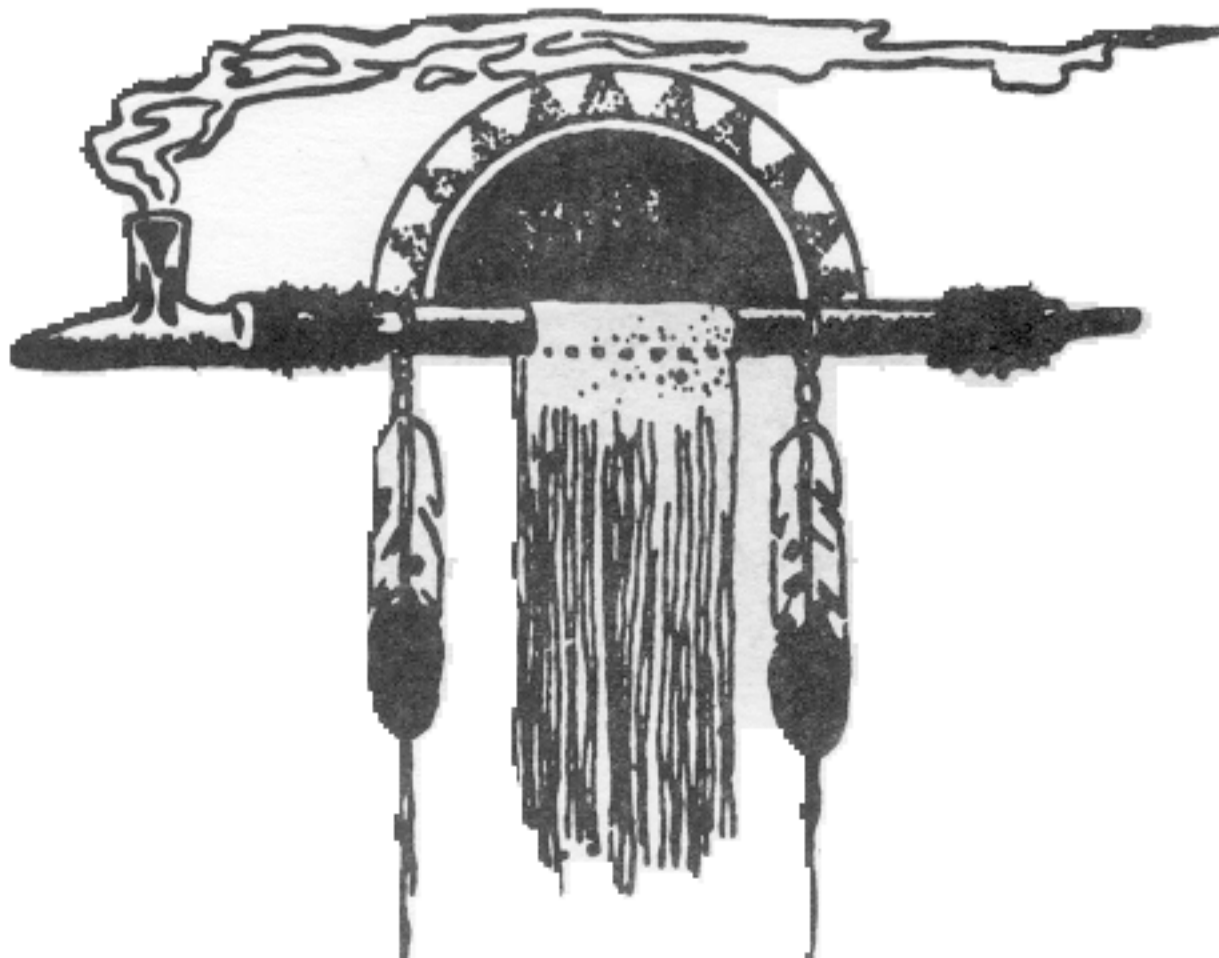


Cook's

Korner

STOP YOU MISSED IT

Turn back to page 3 for info. on the 1987 SE-8 Conclave being hosted by us at Camp Chickahominy.



Everybody knows that a "sourdough" means a hardy prospector. But perhaps he was also a man who liked bread but didn't get to the bakery very often. The bread he made with whole wheat flour was very nutritious and very appetizing on the trail.

Sourdough is basically a culture of yeast in flour and water. Everytime you use it for bread save about a cupful of the starter, adding more flour and water so that the yeasts will ferment for the next time you need it. Pancakes with sourdough are also delicious.

Dissolve a packet of dry yeast in a cup of water, milk, sour milk, or buttermilk. Add a cup or more of flour, making a smooth batter. A spoonful of sugar will speed fermentation, but it is not essential to the recipe.

Let the starter stand overnight near the stove or fire, or in the sun until it seems to grow full of bubbles.

Store in a glass or earthenware container, because the acids present will eat through metal. We guarantee that it will not mistreat your intestines though!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New
 Year to all 1987 promises to be the
 big year for 463 Read this Kryer
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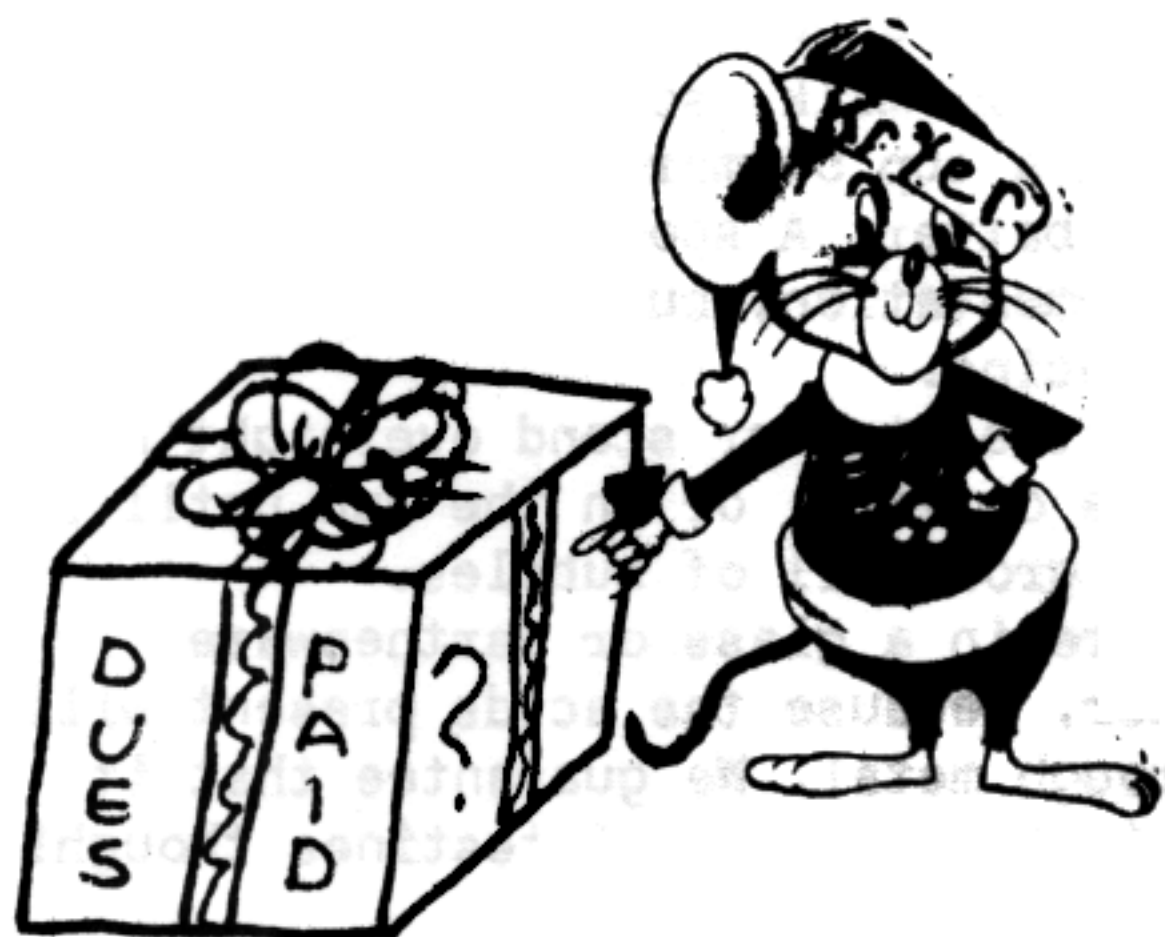
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