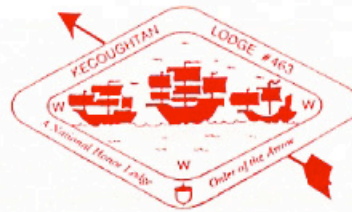


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FIVE RECEIVE VIGIL HONOR

A highlight of the year in Kecoughtan Lodge is the announcement of the award of the Vigil Honor, the highest mark of distinction awarded in the Order. The Vigil cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavor. It comes in recognition of unselfish leadership in service. Five Kecoughtan Brothers received Vigil in 1991.

● **John Harrington** - John has been a Kecoughtan Brother since 1988. His service to the Lodge included work as Chairman of the Service Committee, Chairman of the Kitchen Committee, Lodge Treasurer, Newsletter Chairman, and work on the Ceremonial Team. In Troop 6 he has been a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and Assistant Scoutmaster. He achieved Eagle in 1988. John is a freshman at Old Dominion University.

● **Herb Smith** - Herb has been a member of Kecoughtan since 1988. His service to Scouting has included duties in the Cub Scout Program and as a Scoutmaster for Troop 48. Currently, he is an Assistant District Commissioner in Ironclad District. In Kecoughtan he has been active with the Ceremonial Team, helping that team to receive high recognition at the 1990 NOAC.

● **Robert Patterson** - Robert has ably served Troop 103 as Assistant Patrol Leader, Librarian, Historian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and currently as Assistant Scoutmaster. He entered the Order in 1985 and was eventually the first chief of Piankatank Chapter. Other Lodge work involved service on the Kitchen Committee and instructor duty at Conclave. He achieved Eagle in 1987 and currently is a sophomore at Randolph-Macon College.

● **Douglas Little** - Doug entered the Lodge from Troop 13 in 1988. His service to Kecoughtan has included duties as Pamunkey Chapter Publicity Chairman and Treasurer. In Pochins Chapter he has been Vice Chief.

On the Lodge level, Doug has served as Assistant Elangomat Chairman and Chairman. He achieved Eagle in 1991 and is currently serving his Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

● **William E. Howell** - Bill has served Scouting in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Programs. In Boy Scouting this has included duties as Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster in Troop 6, and Program Chairman and District Chairman for Denbigh District. He entered the Lodge in 1983 and for eight years has been a valuable part of the Lodge Kitchen Committee.

Congratulations to each of these Brothers. Your receipt of the Vigil Honor recognizes your many contributions and is an appropriate presentation by the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The example you have set will inspire all of us to do our part for Scouting.

ANNUAL BANQUET - A SUCCESS

The annual Christmas Banquet is one of the important events of the Kecoughtan Lodge year. The 1991 Banquet was held December 17th at the American Legion Post in Denbigh. Approximately two hundred Brothers and guests attended, had a good meal, witnessed a good performance by the Dance Team, and saw the presentation of the Vigil Honor to five Kecoughtan Brothers.

The chairman for this event was Chuck Bellinger, Jr. and his advisor was his dad, Chuck Bellinger, Sr.. Thanks to both of these Brothers for their efforts to promote and conduct the event. Thanks also to our host, American Legion Post 368, for providing us an excellent meeting place, delicious cakes, and allowing us to decorate the hall for the festive season.



CHAPTER NEWS

● **Pochins Chapter** - This chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month, usually at the location of the Ironclad District Roundtable. (Hopefully, this makes it easy for youth members to catch a ride with their Scoutmaster.) The time for meetings is 6:30, an hour before Roundtable so adults can attend, too. Pochins presented Chapter Awards during the Lodge Christmas Banquet. Doug Little, Patrick Singletary, Anthony Davis, T.J. Olson and Advisor John Neuhaus were recognized for their contributions to a GREAT Pochins year. Thanks, guys.

● **Other Chapters** - Do you have information to put in this space? It is available. You just have to call Al Burton at 874-4797. The next issue will be distributed in early April.

CAMPING PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Camping Promotions Committee is hard at work updating the Lodge camp promotions program. This is one of the fundamental tasks our Lodge works on each year. Their activities include updating the slide show, accumulating information for the "Where To Go Camping Guide", training Brothers in the use of promotion materials, and coordinating activities with the Council Camping Committee.

Rick Singletary is chairman of this committee. If you are interested in service on the Camping Promotions Committee or if you have input to their efforts, contact Rick at 596-9251.

NOAC NEWS

The biggest event in the Order of the Arrow is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). It is always held on a college campus and Kecoughtan always sends a delegation. The upcoming NOAC will be no exception: it will be big and Kecoughtan Brothers will attend.

The 1992 NOAC will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. The dates are August 9-13, 1992. Cost is being worked out and will depend on transportation. It is anticipated that total cost including transportation, lodging, food, miscellaneous fee, and conference participation will be approximately \$300. Brothers who travel to and from NOAC by separate means will pay \$210 (the national fee plus the miscellaneous fee). In either case, any unused portions

of the miscellaneous fee will be refunded after the conference.

1992 SE-8 CONCLAVE

The 1992 Conclave will be hosted by Chanco Lodge at Lakeland High School in Suffolk. The dates are April 24-26, 1992. This is the annual gathering of the Lodges of SE-8 (our section of the OA). Most of the State of Virginia will be represented.

Conclave is one of the best ways to learn about operations of the Lodge. Competitions are held in each of the key areas (camp promotion, newsletter, dance team, ceremonies). There are classes about the Lodge and you can choose what you want to learn about. However, it is NOT all work. There will be sports competitions, ceremonies, patch trading, and lots of Brotherhood.

Kecoughtan is restricted in the number of Brothers who can attend, but there are still openings. Contact Lodge Advisor Carlon Lewis at (H) 886-1567 or Herb Smith (H) 380-8311.

ELANGOMATS WANTED

An important part of the Ordeal process is that Brother who serves as an Elangomat. Volunteers to serve on this committee are needed. Anyone interested should contact Doug Little at 827-5015. Think about how important the Ordeal was to you and connect that to the role played by your Elangomat and then, VOLUNTEER!

DANCE TEAM AWARDS

The Lodge Dance Team is one of our most visible means of publicizing the activities of the Order of the Arrow. During the Christmas Banquet, the team was on hand for the opening ceremony and performance of the Eagle Dance and Inter-tribal Dance. Team Advisor Joel Meitz used this opportunity to present the annual awards for active members. Wes Bommer and Dustin Beltz received the Advisor's Award. Tim Walker received the award for the Most Improved Dancer. Keith Tollett received the Leadership Award, and the Team Spirit Award went to Joey Meitz.

Thanks to the Kecoughtan Dancers for their efforts in our Lodge.





Dance Team awards were presented during the Christmas Banquet. Advisor Joel Meitz (c.) presented the Advisor's Award to Wes Bommer (l.) and Dustin Beltz. See story on page 2.)



The award of the Vigil Honor to five Kecoughtan members was announced at the Christmas Banquet. They are (front l. to r.) Robert Patterson, Bill Howell, (back l. to r.) Doug Little, Herb Smith, and John Harrington. (See story on page 1.)



The Founder's Award for 1991 was presented to Al Burton (l.) and Eric Stupar.

GET WELL SOON, MR. DEAL

Members of Kecoughtan were sorry to learn of the Christmas Day heart attack of our friend and Brother, Walter Deal. The latest reports are that Mr. Deal is at home recovering. We all send him sincere wishes for his return to the activities in which so many Brothers have enjoyed his friendship.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD

Scouting now has a dedicated computer bulletin board. It is called the TransMountain Scouting BBS and is run on a voluntary basis. The purpose of the BBS (bulletin board service) is to bring Scouts from all across the country into one informal source to trade ideas and information. There are sections devoted to various Scouting and OA graphics and a section on patch trading. The BBS number is (615) 579-0214. For experienced persons it is 300/1200/2400 bps, 8-N-1, ANSI ON, 24 hours/7 days, and uses THE MAJOR BBS (2-line) software by Galacticomm. There is a PHONE CHARGE to Knoxville, Tennessee.

JAMBOREE UPDATE

Plans for the 1993 National Jamboree continue to be made at the National level and here in Peninsula Council. Scouts and Scouters from Kecoughtan should begin now to make their own arrangements to participate.

The Jamboree will accept 29,680 boys and adults in 742 provisional troops that will arrive at the site (Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia) on August 2, 1993. The closing show will be August 10th. Peninsula Council will have three troops. Cost figures are not final but will be in the \$425 to \$475 range.

Boys who participate must be at least 12 years old by July 1, 1993 and must be a First Class Scout. Adult qualifications are established for each troop job (scoutmaster and three assistants).

For more details, contact Bailey Tudder, Jamboree Chairman at (H) 596-4135. Application forms for adults and youth were distributed at the January Roundtables.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1992 DUES?

Kecoughtan Lodge has a dues structure of \$5.00 per year when the dues are paid on time. The dues go to \$6.00 per year if not paid on time. An Arrowman can also pay a one-time fee of \$50.00 for LIFETIME membership in Kecoughtan. This lifetime membership is not transferable to the other lodges. Annual dues should be paid before November 30 of the year preceding the year for which the dues are assessed. Therefore, the 1992 dues should have been paid before November 30, 1991. Check the label on this flyer. If the upper right hand corner does not have LIFE, 1992 or 1993, you are delinquent in the payment of your dues and now owe \$6.00 for the 1992 dues. The labels were printed on January 7, 1992 so if you have paid since then it will not reflect your payment. If an Arrowman was a member of Kecoughtan Lodge and did not pay dues for 1991, he should pay the delinquent dues for 1991 (\$6.00) and the 1992 dues (additional \$6.00) at the same time or he may pay the LIFETIME membership fee of \$50.00. This is the last correspondence you will receive from Kecoughtan Lodge if you are delinquent and if your dues are not paid by the conclusion of the Winter Ordeal which is scheduled for the weekend of February 21-23, 1992.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Work: _____

Ordeal Date: _____ Brotherhood Date: _____ Vigil Date: _____

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