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THE 1992 WINTER ORDEAL

Kecoughtan Lodge conducted its Winter Ordeal at Camp Chickahominy during the weekend of February 21-23, 1992. The weather was good, the Brotherhood was refreshing, and cheerful service yielded meaningful benefits for the Peninsula Council Scout Reservation. There were 120 brothers in attendance and 17 of these sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow by attaining Brotherhood during the event. Another 23 Scouts and Scouters passed through their Ordeal experience to attain membership in the Lodge.

As is always the case, this Ordeal did not take place without important contributions by the membership. Most noteworthy were the quality ceremonies that are such important hallmarks in the experiences we share in our Order. There was general agreement that the ceremonies during this Ordeal were among the best that

our Lodge has witnessed. Our kitchen crew was hard at work (as they always are) and each of us were recipients of their labors. An enjoyable and beneficial highlight of the weekend was the patch auction that earned \$902.00 to be applied to the Campership Fund and the Camp Maintenance Fund. Thanks also to Service Chairman Sean Vulcan for his efforts to coordinate our cheerful service in repairs and clean-up of the camp. Special thanks to the Brothers who came and supplied the energy to make the improvements.

The Winter Ordeal is one of three such events conducted by Kecoughtan Lodge during each year. The next Ordeal is scheduled for June 1992. Watch your mail box for information about that event. That gathering is our traditional time for preparing camp for the summer influx of Scouts. See you there!



During the Winter 1992 Ordeal, 23 candidate passed the Ordeal to become members of the Order of the Arrow. A complete list of names of these Scouts and Scouters can be found on page 4.

FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

First of all, I want to extend a welcome and also congratulate the new members who passed their Ordeal during the recent weekend at camp. Congratulations are also in order to those Brothers who sealed their membership by attaining Brotherhood.

I also must express appreciation to each Brother who came to the Ordeal and rendered cheerful service. You guys did a great job! Thanks also to the members of those committees who work so hard on a continuous basis to prepare for our three yearly Ordeals. No Ordeals could come off without your steady contributions.

Now, I must explain myself for some of my concerns that surfaced during the Lodge meeting at the Ordeal. I feel that we in Kecoughtan are seeing less Chapter involvement and more adult involvement. I am certainly aware of how the adults contribute to the success of our Lodge and I know that in some things, they even do better than youth members. Even so, this organization is supposed to be boy-run. I want it to stay that way. For example, Chapter Chiefs, remember that you took an obligation to be at the monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings and to report your Chapter accomplishments. Too often, this is not happening. I want to see all Chapter Chiefs or their boy representative at those meetings with a report to present. Committee Chairmen, you too need to remember that you are the chairman. Your advisor is just that, an advisor. You have an obligation to take the active role.

Again, thank you all for the work at the Ordeal. I hope to see each of you at the Conclave in April. Also, get your deposit in for NOAC.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Rob Kirkpatrick
Lodge Chief



NOAC NEWS

Kecoughtan Lodge is continuing to plan for attendance at the 1992 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The conference is held every two years and this year NOAC will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. The conference dates are August 9-13. Brothers who travel with the Lodge delegation will use rented vans for transportation. Present plans call for travel by the most direct route to and from Knoxville in order to hold costs to the fee for the conference (which includes food and lodging), spending money, a share of the transportation costs, and a miscellaneous fee to handle the overhead expenses of the group. (Unused funds from the miscellaneous fee will be refunded after the conference.) It is anticipated that the total cost for the trip will be \$300.00 for those Brothers traveling with the delegation. Brothers who travel by separate means will pay \$210.00 (the national fee plus the miscellaneous fee) and make their own travel arrangements.

NOAC is a special experience in the life of an Arrowman. This is your chance to make friends from all across America, enjoy special stage shows and entertainment, trade a few patches, and learn from the best about how the Order of the Arrow should function. There will be opportunities for our Lodge Dance Team and Ceremonies Team to compete with Lodges from across the country. Participants will not forget this one!

Attendance at NOAC begins with payment of the \$50.00 reservation fee at the Scout Service Center. So far, 26 of your Brothers have already taken that step. Start to plan your budget now and get on the track to Knoxville, Tennessee for the 1992 NOAC. For more information contact Lodge Chief Rob Kirkpatrick (telephone 564-3245) or his advisor, Carlon Lewis (telephone 886-1567). There are no Lodge reservations. You only have a NOAC reservation when you pay the deposit, so if you pay now you are not early.

LODGE COMMITTEE SERVICE

Service on Lodge committees is one way that many of us can fulfill our obligation for cheerful service that we accepted at the time of our election to Order of the Arrow membership. Look over this information on some of our committees and see where you can apply your skills.

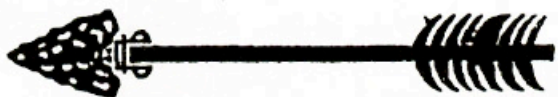
- **Ceremonies Committee** - This committee is at the center of the calling out process, the induction of new members, and the other ceremonial requirements of the Lodge. It is an important part of the traditions of OA membership. Usually, this team competes at Conclaves and NOAC. Practice sessions are necessary. The chairman is J.O. Edleblute (telephone 595-8372) and his advisor is Mike Fry (telephone 595-5217).

- **Dance Team** - This committee is one of the best public relations tools for the Order. These Brothers are almost continually in demand for appearances that add excitement to Scout events inside and outside of the Order. This team usually competes at Conclaves and at NOAC. They have regular practice sessions and often participate in Native American events. The chairman is Wes Bommer (telephone 851-8358) and his advisor is Joel Meitz (telephone 874-0572).

- **Kitchen Committee** - This committee serves us well at all events held at Camp Chickahominy. You can learn a lot here and your labors will be appreciated. A health card is required for all committee members. The chairman is Ryan Holladay (telephone 874-7712) and his advisor is Bill Howell (telephone 877-1505).

- **Elangomat Committee** - These Brothers are the key to useful labors performed by the incoming members of our Lodge. Their work on this committee is the means by which we first introduce cheerful service to candidates going through their Ordeal. Lodge First Vice Chief Dan Raymond (telephone 564-0623) is the point of contact. His advisor is Bailey Tudder (telephone 596-4135).

This is only a partial listing of the opportunities for us to get involved. Subsequent issues of the Kryer will provide information on other service opportunities on Lodge committees and as officers in the Lodge or Chapters. Evaluate your interests and skills and plan your opportunity to serve. Volunteer!



CHAPTER NEWS

- **Pochins Chapter** - This Chapter held a workday at Camp Chickahominy on March 14th in preparation for the Spring Camporee scheduled by Ironclad and Northern Star Districts. Pochins meets on the first Thursday of each month at the United Church of Christ on Todd's Lane in Hampton. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. The Chapter Chief is David Bailey.

- **Other Chapters** - Do you have news to be included in the Kryer? This space is available for you. Call Kryer Editor John Harrington at 877-3222 or Mr. Burton at 874-4797. The next issue of the Kryer is scheduled for July.

OA QUIZ

We all know there is a lot to learn through OA membership. There is also a lot to learn about the Order itself. See how you do on this quiz.

- Which of the following is the Chief of the Fire in Kecoughtan Lodge?
 - The Kecoughtan Lodge Advisor
 - The Peninsula Council President
 - The Peninsula Council Scout Executive
 - The Staff Advisor
- What are the subdivisions of Kecoughtan Lodge called?

a. Districts	c. Chapters
b. Sections	d. Clans
- How many of the subdivisions (from number three above) are there in Kecoughtan Lodge?

a. 5	c. 7
b. 6	d. 4
- How does the Lodge Advisor in Kecoughtan Lodge get that job?
 - He is appointed by the Scout Executive.
 - He is elected by the Council Executive Board.
 - He is appointed by the Council President.
- What was the color of the first OA sash?
 - Blue with a white arrow
 - Black with a red arrow
 - Red with a white arrow
 - Black with a white arrow

Answers to the quiz are found on page 4.

WINTER 1992 ORDEAL MEMBERS

Twenty three new members went through the 1992 Winter Ordeal. Among these was Matthew L. Jackson, the first member of Troop 309 to go through the Ordeal since Troop 309 was formed in 1990. Welcome to each of these new Brothers.

Matthew R. Bahr	T-6
William M Bieckert, Jr.	T-316
Charles M. Bump	T-20
Charles E. Burke	T-58
Joseph D. Carr	T-180
Johnston P. Foster	T-180
Michael I. Fuller	T-180
Fannie M. Hancock	T-158
Jared D. Hestetune	T-48
Matthew L. Jackson	T-309
Joseph A. Lutz	T-6
William A. Moore	T-180
James V. Orbison	T-48
Ronald E. Ponzar	T-29
Samuel E. Ponzar	T-29
Ernest M. Revelle	T-81
Scott N. Rollison	T-154
Arch T. Smith	T-48
David J. Styer	T-108
Travis C. Tennyson	T-29
Nicholas A. Vrettos	T-103
Brad R. Weinmann	T-6
Daniel O. Worthington	Northern Star Dist.

WINTER 1992 BROTHERHOOD

During the February 1992 Ordeal weekend at Camp Chickahominy, 17 Brothers sealed their membership by attaining Brotherhood. Congratulations!

Chris B. Begor	Council
Joe L. Christen	T-200
Kevin L. Christen	T-200
Andrew B. Good	T-6
Johnathan T. Grunow	T-123
Edward Hancock, Jr.	T-158
David A. Holladay	T-6
Steve L. Jefferys	E-69
Joshua S. Jones	T-6
Colin G. Kimble	T-6
R. Ryan Kimble	T-6
Aaron M. Lutz	T-6
Jerry M. Murphy	T-6
Richard W. Peeling	T-180
Patrick C. Singletary	T-158
Jerimiah T. Stokes	T-158
David G. Turner	T-309

YOUR OA SASH

One of the most distinctive symbols of membership in the Order is the sash that each of us can wear over our right shoulder. Did you know that the sash did not always look as it does today?

● **The Ordeal Sash** - When Dr. E. Urner Goodman and C.A. Edison founded the Order at Treasure Island Scout Camp (near Philadelphia) in 1915, they also started the idea of wearing a sash. Descriptions of the early sash were confused until 1979 when Dr. Goodman confirmed that the first sash was black with a white arrow sewn onto it. To the founders, the arrow was an important symbol that they explained in the Ordeal Ceremony. The white sash with a red arrow was adopted sometime before the mid 1920s.

● **The Brotherhood Sash** - In the early years of the Order there was no distinctive sash for Brotherhood members. Upon attaining Brotherhood, a member simply reversed the wearing of the sash from the right to the left shoulder. The Brotherhood sash as we know it was adopted in late 1948.

● **The Vigil Sash** - Dr. Goodman was the first Vigil Honor member. He and subsequent honor members did not wear a distinctive sash. Instead, they wore a large sateen, triangle-shaped emblem that was suspended from around the neck. The triangle was derived from the symbol of leadership that Dr. Goodman had worn at the very first Lodge meeting in 1915.

Remember that your sash is an important part of your uniform. Wear it proudly and correctly. It is always worn over the right shoulder. It is not worn hanging from the belt. It is improper to decorate any OA sash.

Quiz Answers (From page 3):

1. c. (The Council Scout Executive is Chief of the Fire.)
2. c. (Chapters are the subdivisions of Kecoughtan Lodge.)
3. b. (There are 6 Chapters in Kecoughtan Lodge.)
4. a. (The Lodge Advisor is appointed by the Scout Executive.)
5. d. (The first sash was black with a white arrow.)

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An important part of each Ordeal is the worship service conducted each Sunday morning by Reverend (and Vigil Honor member) Joel Meitz.



Lodge Chief Rob Kirkpatrick makes administrative announcements to the Lodge in preparation for events at Camp Chickahominy.



Members of the Lodge Ceremonies Team rebuild the fire ring in preparation for the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies.



Members of Pamunkey Chapter hold their meeting on Sunday morning during the weekend of the Winter Ordeal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 st	Free Meal in Sam's Office, Scout Service Center (See Note Below)
April 5 th	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7pm
April 24 th - 26 th	OA Conclave, Chanco Lodge Old Dominion Council
May 3 rd	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7pm
June 7 th	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7pm
June 19 th - 21 st	Spring Ordeal, Camp Chicka- hominy
July 5 th	1 st week of summer camp
September 25 th - 27 th	Fall Ordeal, Camp Chicka- hominy

(NOTE: April Fool!)**THINK NOAC !!!***(National Order of the Arrow Conference)***UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
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