

# KECOUGHTAN KRYER



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FROM THE TINY ACORN, THE MIGHTY OAK TREE GROWS

JUNE 1994

## KECOUGHTAN ELECTS JOHNSON CHIEF

For the first time Kecoughtan Lodge elected Lodges officers at the Spring Ordeal. In the past the Lodge has waited until the Summer ordeal, but this frequently caused problems when the Chief, or other major officers, went off to college. Last year the executive board voted to move the election up to the Spring Ordeal to allow the needed continuity. The following were elected for 1994-95 by the voting members:

- **Mike Johnson, Chief:** The new Chief is a member of Troop 103 in Williamsburg. His service to the Lodge includes two years as Recording Secretary and a year as Membership Secretary. He was 2nd Vice Chief 1993-94. He joined the Lodge in 1989. He has been Senior Patrol Leader for his Jamboree Troop in 1993 and is a Life Scout who received the Vigil Honor in 1992. Mike is a rising senior at Lafayette High School.
- **John Athayde, 1st Vice Chief:** John is a member of Troop 200 in Grafton. He entered the Lodge in 1991 and is currently a Brotherhood member. This is John's second election to 1st Vice Chief. John has served on the Ceremony Team for three years and was chairman in 1993. His ceremony roles have included Allowat Sakima (Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal) Nutiket (Brotherhood). John has served his troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. He is a Life Scout and a rising senior at Walsingham Academy.

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The Spring 1994 Ordeal

## LARGEST ORDEAL CLASS

The Spring 1994 Ordeal was held May 20-22, 1994 and was one that will be remembered for some time. No one could remember an ordeal where there were 83 ordeal candidates. There were also 25 brothers who obtained Brotherhood in the Order. Total attendance was greater than 200 Arrowmen. This sort of attendance makes the work of the Order much easier. It is team work that gets the work done. Thanks brothers for a great ordeal. Our Service Chairman, **Sean Vulcan**, reported that a great deal of work was done during the ordeal. Ranger **Sam Clymans** and his wife **Jackie** delivered tents to all the camp sites prior to our arrival so that the set up of each site was made much easier. In addition to setting up the tents, the fire boxes were repaired, cots and mattresses were delivered to each site, the warehouse and shop were cleaned and straightened up and many dead and hazardous trees were removed. Improvements were completed to the new shower houses and electrical maintenance was completed. Several adults were punished for past sins and required to measure and film every building and structure on the camp for insurance purposes. This job, which is probably important to someone, should be reserved for trouble making adults. It should also be reported that the Kitchen crew did an outstanding job during the ordeal.

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**FROM  
THE  
CHIEF**



Dear Brothers

I am pleased and excited to accept the responsibility of leading the Lodge for 1994-95. Thanks for the confidence your vote for me represents. We have just experienced the largest ordeal in anyone's memory, so it is time for the Kecoughtan members to firm the bonds of brotherhood and keep our Lodge going towards a bright future.

The 1994 NOAC is about to be a reality. I wish to encourage any of you who have not signed up to go to please do so as soon as possible. There are still a few spaces available. The education and fun activities abound so be there.

I know this is going to be a great year for Kecoughtan Lodge. See you all at the Summer Ordeal.

Yours in Brotherhood

Mike Johnson  
Lodge Chief

**FROM THE KRYER ADVISER**



I suspect I should name the column "ERRATA." After our first Newsletter went out I started receiving reports of the errors we had published. I could not believe it. We had the Spring Ordeal and the Summer Ordeal on the wrong dates. There were a couple misspelled words. The cost of NOAC had been updated. The Kecoughtan Lodge Honor Members for 92/93 were repeated twice and we were told that we left one brother off the list. An investigation has not shown this to be correct. The interesting thing about all this constructive criticism was that it means that the brothers are in fact reading the newsletter. Even more impressive was the fact that two parents, who are not members of the Order, reported errors to me. Keep up the reading, we appreciate it.

Alex Wiatt  
Newsletter Adviser

**FROM  
THE  
EDITOR**



Opportunity abounds. We have just elected some great officers to lead us in the year ahead. New ideas, new creations, new enthusiasm, more energy, more members, more service and a better camp facility, and therefore more opportunities to make this Lodge the best it can be.

In addition, we will assist other committees to be more successful in serving the Lodge. We will help with publication support for anything the membership requires.

Pull together for success!

Matt Singletary  
Newsletter Chairman

To better serve these efforts the Kryer pledges better communication to its members. We will make every effort to produce the best newsletter in the Section.



## NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS

Kecoughtan continues to grow. This list reflects the new Brothers who became a part of our Order at the Spring Ordeal. Welcome!

David W. Allen	Troop 3	Michael J. Mattson	Troop 138
Carl W. Andrews	Troop 454	Jamie D. Maxwell	Troop 28
William J. Andrews	Troop 454	Michael R. Miller	Troop 103
James A. Beaudry	Troop 313	Matthew D. Mokey	Troop 51
Donald J. Bedsaul	Troop 303	Christopher J. Monceaux	Troop 200
Joshua C. Berlin	Troop 111	Brett T. Morgan	Troop 201
Adam L. Bliss	Troop 123	James S. Narron	Troop 123
Matthew S. Bonzek	Troop 175	Craig P. Ohlhorst	Troop 242
William D. Booth	Troop 2	Mitchell E. Otey	Troop 175
Robert G. Boothe	Troop 175	Anthony J. Persso	Troop 154
Phillip A. Boudreaux	Troop 20	Bryan A. Perkinson	Troop 103
Nolan D. Bradshaw	Troop 103	Jay F. Peterson	Troop 2
Justin M. Bucelato	Troop 28	Stephen T. Ratliff	Troop 133
Matthew H. Burgess	Troop 242	Graden L. Rediker	Troop 3
Ryan T. Butterfos	Troop 201	Hamilton H. Riley, Jr.	Troop 135
Travis A. Call	Troop 3	Brian J. Rinaldo	Troop 306
Francisco Casanova III	Troop 306	Stephen A. Rottgers	Troop 28
Bryan M. Chestnut	Troop 306	Kevin R. Schoonover	Troop 201
Gabe C. Colker	Troop 123	Ward E. Schoonover	Troop 201
Jonathan R. Crissman	Troop 175	Neil D. Shannon	Troop 28
Adam W. Danna	Troop 6	Andrew B. Stewart	Troop 28
Jonathan D. Falls	Troop 51	Michael B. Stewart	Troop 28
Alexander B. Ferguson	Troop 201	Robert T. Stinson	Troop 180
Dwaune M. Ferrell	Troop 19	Jonathan J. Taylor	Troop 3
Kevin M. George	Troop 306	Thomas E. Thornton	Troop 200
Robert T. George	Troop 111	Nicholas A. Udu-Gama	Troop 6
Wesley S. Goetz	Troop 175	Christopher A. Updike	Troop 195
Dewayne Goldie II	Troop 113	John G. Walther	Troop 200
Bradley W. Gonsoulin	Troop 185	Brian D. Watts	Troop 180
Travis M. Gray	Troop 138	Travis W. Weldon	Troop 140
James L. Greene	Troop 113	Glenn M. Wilson	Troop 313
Stephen M. Grimsley	Troop 6	James W. Wenger, II	Troop 135
Chris M. Hackney	Troop 306	Christopher C. Zeiler	Troop 10
Gregory J. Hamilton	Troop 242		
Jeffrey W. Hatch	Troop 404		
Jonathan R. Hicks	Troop 45		
Jason M. Higgs	Troop 103		
Daniel R. Hill	Troop 313		
John P. Hoffmier	Troop 103		
Anthony C. Kass, Jr.	Troop 306		
Stephen F. Kass	Troop 306		
Philip M. Kauffman	Troop 175		
Anthony M. Koth	Troop 28		
C. Benjamin Larew	Troop 200		
William J. Liu	Troop 103		
Stephen J. Maney	Troop 138		
Christopher D. Marois	Troop 138		
Daniel F. McAdams, II	Troop 51		
Robert E. McTurnal	Troop 111		





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## ELECTIONS

- **Rodney Beltz, 2nd Vice Chief:** An Eagle Scout and former Camp Staff member joined the Lodge in 1988. He made Brotherhood the next year and has been a member of the Dance team. He has served as Elangomat Chairman for three years and introduced the Nimat Brotherhood incentive to our lodge. He received the Vigil Honor in 1994.
- **Dan Worthington, Recording Secretary:** Dan is an Eagle Scout in Troop 111 in Gloucester. He has served his Troop as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol leader. He entered Kecoughtan Lodge in 1991 and is currently a Brotherhood member of the Lodge. Dan is a rising Sophomore at Gloucester High School.
- **Chris Vrettos, Treasurer:** He has held several Chapter offices and been Chapter Chief and member of Troop 103 in Williamsburg. He is a rising Junior at Lafayette High Schol.
- **Steve Roberts, Membership Secretary:** Steve is a Life Scout in Troop 103 in Williamsburg. He entered the Lodge in 1991 and this was Lodge Recording Secretary two years ago and Membership Secretary last year. Service to his Troop includes duties as Troop Scribe and Troop Guide. He is a Brotherhood member of Kecoughtan and a rising Sophomore at Lafayette High School.

Our thanks go to these Brothers who have shown their willingness to work for us, providing leadership to Kecoughtan Lodge. Good luck to each of them.



## VIGIL HONOR NOMINATIONS

Kecoughtan Lodge is accepting nominations for members to receive the Vigil Honor. The process is described on an insert in this issue of the Kryer. That form gives all information required to nominate a member. Any member may make a nomination.



## BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

Tommy Beard	Troop 45
James Berryhill	Troop 180
Chris Bombardier	Troop 6
Jeremiah Boothe	Troop 175
Charles Clements	Troop 111
James Cook	Troop 5
Nathan DeWitt	Troop 28
Steven Gunther	Troop 28
George Hicks	Troop 45
James Hoffmier	Troop 103
Jared Kirby	Troop 6
Michael Lightfoot	Troop 306
Joseph Los	Troop 111
Brian Montgomery	Troop 103
Andy Mullins	Troop 28
Morgan Newlon	Troop 28
Jeffrey Norris	Troop 28
Kevin Phelps	Troop 135
Shawn Rediker	Troop 3
Marc Rich	Troop 200
Joseph Roszkowski	Troop 28
Bryan Stilley	Troop 113
Johnathan Torres	Troop 11
Jacob Webb	Troop 28
Michael Welch	Troop 103



## MEMORIES OF AN ORDEALIE

Friday was a time of anticipation. The time finally came that I had dreamed about and waited for with excitement. When I first arrived at camp, and the apprehension started to set in. A concern over the unknown began to mount. Not knowing what was about to happen brought an uneasy feeling. Sure I knew what other scouts had told me about being out at night, no talking, and of course the hard work. However, this was still unsettling because of the unknowns. The strangers, even though they were Arrowmen, were going to take me off to some unknown place and do undreamable acts to me.

Kichkinet, the guide, seem like some sort of helpful one. Maybe he was truly going to help along the trail - he said so anyway. The Elangomat might be OK, at least he was always with us, for good or bad. He made us stay together, gave abrupt instructions, and tries to keep us busy. He was the one familiar face that stayed around when everyone else was coming and going, at what?, I do not know.

The meals were not so bad, but if they wanted us to do all that work, they should have fed us better. Keeping quiet was probably the most difficult thing to do. Every now and then a word gets out of your mouth. Most of the time you catch yourself in mid-sentence, but other times its out before you know what happened. There were times of boredom. You would think that they could keep you busy so that time would pass faster. It seems disorganized, but they must have known what they were doing since they have done it all before.

There were some times when I got to think about everything going on around me. There was a certain warm feeling. I thought about how I got there - doing what was necessary to advance in scouting and working with the patrol. The Ordeal seems like some sort of reward for all of that.

When they let me clean up and get ready for the ceremony, the tiredness really

sunk in. All of this strange activity and people began to wear on me. The other candidates were really dragging. I hoped it wouldn't go on much longer. The little bit of food for dinner was disappointing, but at that point it didn't really matter. All I wanted to do is to get through this ceremony and go to bed. It seems like waiting and not knowing what is next is the real Ordeal.

The ceremony was mysterious. I had never seen anything like it - the candles, costumes, the unknown faces on the hill, and the sashes hanging on a rail. I didn't know what to do when these Indians direct me to do so many things. There seemed to be only darkness, the arrow, and the faces behind me. It was hard to listen to all the instructions. I felt like I was stumbling through the ceremony, but realized it was important that I follow everything, because I felt they might single me out to do something. I was concerned that I might not respond quickly, and would be embarrassing.

When the Chief shook my hand, it seemed like I had finally made it. Being one of the few maked me feel special, being chosen then began to have meaning. I was overwhelmed. The fire gave me a certain high. What a moment - I was chosen to be honored and its great! Just wait to see those guys back at the troop when they see me. All of a sudden the faces behind me rushed down to the circle to join in the singing of the song. Everyone was wearing the sash. Everyone was smiling and shaking hands. Relief sets in and it was all downhill from there. I can take anything now. I didn't know I could meet the challenge, but it really wasn't that hard. I can see that anyone can make it if they just try.

This is a big responsibility. I wonder if I'm up to it? I might be chosen, but this is a big job. They expect me to do a lot. One thing is for sure, when I go back to the troop I want to be a better scout. Putting that flap on means the others expect more from me and I am going to deliver.



## TRADING POST NEWS



Courtney Green retires as Trading Post chairman after two years of service in the lodge trading post. Courtney has done a mighty fine job during his tenure and we will miss his leadership. Our new TP chairman is Mike Keough and we look forward to his taking up where Courtney left off. Contact Mike if you would like to be part of the TP staff.

Thanks again to Paul Karstendienk for his very unique design of the Spring Ordeal patch. Lots of "Wows" were heard in the trading post as the patches were issued to participants.

Thanks to Vince Dellapenta for his design of the 1994 NOAC flaps and the Summer Ordeal patches. Both featured an "Indian sunrise" behind the three ships.

The trading post welcomes all designs for new patches. You don't have to be an accomplished artist. Just submit your rough ideas to TP chairman Mike Keough, or TP adviser, Ron Godby. We'll find an artist to fine tune it!

What would you like to see, or like to have available to you, in your lodge TP? Give your ideas to Mike -- he's out to provide a service to our brothers and to make a buck for the lodge!

## SEGMENTS FOR LODGE PARTICIPATION

The Lodge Executive Committee has issued the following *segments* to indicate your service to and participation in the lodge:

ELANGOMAT  
CEREMONIES  
DANCE TEAM  
KITCHEN  
CHAIRMAN  
ADVISER  
CHAPTER OFFICER  
LODGE OFFICER

The *segments* are available for \$1.50 from the lodge Trading Post after requirements have been met and certified by your Lodge chairman, Lodge Chief or Adviser. Elangomats must serve two ordeals. Ceremonies, Dance Team and Kitchen must serve for three ordeals Chairman and Advisers must serve for one year. Forms are available in Trading Post.

*Segments* are authorized to be worn only above the Lodge jacket patch.



## NOAC 1994

Every 2 years, the Order of the Arrow holds a National Conference. This year the conference will be held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana on July 31 - August 4, 1994. Once on the campus you will be part of the training, exciting shows, gala American Indian events and great fellowship. All of these have become, the hallmark of the NOAC...one of the scouting events of a lifetime that every Arrowman should experience. Arrowmen from across the country will be sharing ideas, experiences and trading patches from early morning to late into the evening throughout the conference.

The cost of this event is \$305 for youth. We have allocations for 20 youth and 10 adults.

You do not want to miss this event! Get your application and deposit to the scout office as soon as possible.



## SPARKS

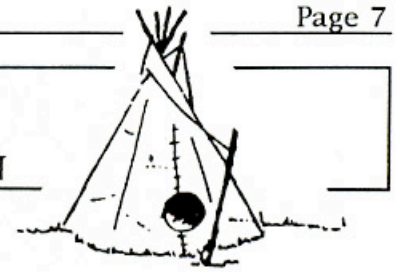
I am Kichkinet, one of the central symbols of our Order! I am the friend whose example is far more eloquent than words. I am an encouraging 'voice' even in a great darkness, to those who have been vigilant in keeping the Scout Promise.

I am embodied by a lodge member during the Ordeal, for I must be living, breathing individual whom a candidate can know. I represent the qualities of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service in a way that causes them to spring to life. I am the Spirit of the Arrow Personified, but I am not the Spirit of the Arrow: I am a very real Friend.

The Arrow is a mental representation of the Spirit as it is individualized. Because I am very important in the Ordeal, when the candidate is being physically educated in the traditions of the Order, the member who is to represent me must receive special training and must understand why the Induction is set up as it is, its purpose, and the meaning of its symbolism. The very minimum of training will show him that he is not to be a supervisor, or monitor, but a Guide. He is the Guide of guides, for each candidate will return to his unit to lead his fellow Scouts in the Scout Promise, and he will lead as I have, by his own example.



## CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION



### Piankatank

Chapter Chief "K. J." Johnson  
Vice Chief Allen Miller  
Secretary Craig Wills

The Chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at (Roundtable)

### Pamunkey

Chapter Chief Rett Morris  
Vice Chief Chris Smith  
Secretary Travis Tennyson

The Chapter meets the 1st Wednesday each month (at Roundtable) at Sims Elementary School.

### Wicomico

Chief Tim Johnson  
Vice Chief Brian Stilley  
Secretary D. J. Rick

The Chapter meets the 1st Thursday each month (not in July or August) at Yorkminister Presbyterian Church.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31-August 4, 1994	NOAC
August 7, 1994	Executive Board
August 26-28, 1994	Summer Ordeal
September 11, 1994	Executive Board

## KECOUGHTAN LODGE HONOR MEMBER AWARD

After the publication of last year's Honor Members there were several questions about the requirements. Maybe if we hadn't published the list twice we would not have had as many questions. The purpose of the Award is to recognize those brothers who have served the Lodge faithfully during the past year. Its intent is to generate participation by all members in the activities of the Lodge.

In order to become an Honor Member Award recipient, a member must complete some of the requirements listed by below. A form will be published later this year and must be completed prior to the Christmas Banquet. At that time one Lodge Flap with a gold border may be purchased for \$3.00.

A. Attend three of the following events:

Beaver Day, Summer Ordeal, Spring Ordeal, Winter Ordeal, or the Christmas Banquet

B. Earn Brotherhood (if eligible)

C. Accomplish a minimum of (5) of the following:

Unit election team to your unit  
 Promote camping by unit visitation  
 Participate in Chapter/Lodge election  
 Attend a Chapter event  
 Attend a chapter business meeting  
 Attend a Lodge business meeting  
 Attend Lodge Officer Training  
 Work on Chp./Lodge Committee  
 Chairman of Chp./Lodge Committee  
 Lodge/Chapter Officer  
 Lodge/Chapter Adviser

Attend Section Conclave  
 Attend Council of Chief Meeting  
 Attend Section Seminar  
 Attend Nat'l OA Conference  
 Attend Nat'l Indian Seminar  
 Visit another Lodge  
 Work on Summer Camp Staff  
 Long-term camping experience  
 10 days/nights camping  
 Earn Honor Camping Award

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIGIL HONOR NOMINATION FORM

1. Provide nominee's name
2. List nominee's date of birth (if known).
3. List Ordeal date (if known).
4. List Brotherhood date (if known). Nominee must have received Brotherhood at least two years prior to September 30th of the nomination year. (i.e., the 1994 nominee must have received Brotherhood no later than September 30, 1992.)
5. Give the nominee's current primary registered Scouting position.
6. List all of the OA positions which this individual has held or currently holds, (i.e., chapter/Lodge Officer, Chapter/Lodge Committee Chairman or Associate Chairman, Chapter/Lodge Adviser or Associate Adviser, etc.) If no positions were held, leave blank. Chapter/Lodge positions are not mandatory for Vigil Honor selection.
7. List all other Scouting positions previously held or currently holding excluding the positions listed in (5) & (6) above.
8. List all Scouting awards received, (i.e., Eagle Scout, OA 75th Anniversary Award, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Woodbadge Beads, etc.)
9. Thoroughly list the qualifications of the nominee to receive the Vigil Honor as outlined in the OA Handbook. Primary attention should be given to the Lodge, Chapter, Unit, camp in cheerful service, camp promotion, and membership. Use extra pages as necessary.
10. List any other service that should be considered in evaluating the nominee.
11. List you phone number, the current date, and sign the nomination form.
12. Send to Lodge Advisor Carl Lewis, at 120 Starboard Circle, Newport News, Va 23602.

(See reverse side for nomination form.)



Lodge Use Only

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate # \_\_\_\_\_

Youth/Adult \_\_\_\_\_

## KECOUGHTAN LODGE VIGIL HONOR NOMINATION

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ordeal Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. Brotherhood Date \_\_\_\_\_
5. Registered Scouting Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Order of Arrow Positions Held \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Other Scouting Positions Held \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Other Service \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Nominated By, Date, & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(See reverse side for instructions.)