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JULY-AUGUST ISSUE

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1976 Fall Ordeal

On the weekend of August 13, 14 & 15, Chanco Lodge will hold its annual Fall Ordeal and Business Meeting at Siouan Scout Reservation. With registration beginning at 7:00 pm on Friday, the weekend promises to be one of the most exciting fellowships of the year. With the usual activities for the weekend such as an Ordeal ceremony, Brotherhood ceremony, Vigil ceremony, services projects, fun and fellowship will all be topped off Saturday night with the election of the 1976-77 lodge officers.

This weekend is your chance to voice your opinion on who should lead our lodge in the coming year. So everyone come to vote and support the candidate of your choice for Chief, District Vice-Chiefs, Secretary and Treasurer.

All this is yours for only \$5.50 (\$6.50 if you don't pre-register and register on Friday night) by pre-registering. A good price for a fun filled weekend.

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Fellow Brothers:

As the Fall Fellowship rolls around you should go back and think, "What should I do to get back with being active?" The answer to this is very simple. Come to the Fall Fellowship and Business Meeting. This will be a very vital part of next year's program.

Now it is time to thank the people who have helped the courier this past year. First to thank the Chief George Parson for a fine year to be remembered. Also the people who sent articles for publication, Ralph Howell, Bobby Keane, Jimmy Smith, Merritt Draper, and the council office. I would like to thank Sharon Turner who helped in mailing and sorting them out.

In closing I would like to say it has been a wonderful experience being editor of this newsletter.

See you at the Fall Fellowship.



Yours in Brotherhood

Randy Duke, Editor



Dear Brothers,

As my year as chief comes to an end, I would like to thank those who have lived up to our principals of cheerful service in giving of their time and talents in service to our order and inturn to our fellow scouts. No chief, no matter how strong in leadership qualities can lead our lodge with out the help of each and every arrowman in the lodge.

The coming business meeting is a must for every arrowman to attend. Not only will you be able to take part in cheerful service, but also in the decesion of who will lead our lodge in the coming year.

Again thank you for the surport this year and I ask that you continue the suport with our new officers.

Yours in Service, WWW

*George*

George Lee Parson  
Chanco Lodge Chief



# REPORTS



## Central- Bobby Keane

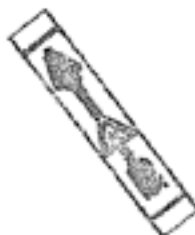
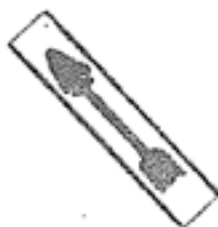
At the June workday, Central District, attendance was very poor. I'm not sure what everyone's reason was but it was a bad weekend because of the exams in most schools. Central District will have much better attendance at the August Ordeal! Everyone please come if at all possible!

The ceremonies for the Ordela are in good hands. Robbie Brown has had two meetings, one to hand out parts and one for practice.

The camping promotions and unit elections have not done so well this year. This was mostly due to a mix-up between myself and the two chairmen. Even so, most active troops in this district are going to summer camp and have or will have O/A elections. Also, anyone interested in earning the O/A Anniversary Bicentennial Award to wear on your sash, please contact me, or some other member of the Executive Committee.

## Western- Jimmy Smith

Western District has had good participation in the past two lodge functions. At the conclave members from Western District were Mr. Floyd Midkiff, Mr. Joe Barker, Chris Barker, Arthur Dilworth, Corwin Macklin, Ben Vincent, George Parson, Hall Squire, and yours truly. Western also had good attendance at the lodge June workday. Western will meet at the Fall Ordeal August 13-15.





Eastern- Randy Duke

As summer rolled around it was decided to cancel all meetings till after fall fellowship.

The only thing to report is that we are trying to get a new pick-up for camp.

Southeast Regional Training Conference

The Southeast Regional Training Conference will be held at Merdith College in Raleigh, N.C. on the weekend of July 30-August 1. Delegates attending from Chanco Lodge will be George Parson, Jimmy Smith, Ralph Howell and Mike Johnson.

Brotherhood

If you are eligible for Brotherhood, please seal your membership in the Order at the Fall Ordeal. The fee will be \$1.00 for your sash. Taking this step is not only important to you, but also to your lodge.

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Pre-register for the Fall Ordeal!!

Mail to: Ralph Howell, Siouan Scout Reservation  
Ebony, Va.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Weekend-\$5.50      Weekend/Bro.-\$6.50

## HOWELL'S HAREM

This summer at camp, tap-out ceremonies have increased. We have tapped out thirty people so far. Ceremonies have been going fine. We owe a special thanks to John Maheffy for his dancing. Other people in the ceremony are Gorden Salenly and Bobby Oaks from Nawaka, Freddie Mann from Tiak, and Merrit Draper, Corwin Macklin, Tommy Everett, Bill Gaskins, Bobby Twiford, Jimmy Smith, Mac Birdsong and Ralph Howell our brothers from Chanco Lodge.

If you plan to pre-register for the Fall Ordeal, be sure and get your money in soon. See you at the Fall Ordeal.

Yours from Siouan,

King Ralph Howell I

### THANK YOU

Chanco Lodge would like to take this chance to thank the following:

Cal-Ray Supermarket in Windsor for a ham which was Chanco Lodge's feast item at the Conclave.

Redd's Supermarket in Windsor for another ham given for the Conclave.

Planters Peanuts in Suffolk for peanuts and the apperance of "Mr. Peanut" at the Conclave.

Ray and Mike Johnson for peanuts also used by Chanco Lodge at the Conclave feast.

Mr. Robert Wrenn for the mailing labels used in mailing the CHANCO COURIER.







## AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL

With this being our bicentennial year, we thought it only fitting to run an article on the history of our lodge.

Many Lodges have adopted the custom of first choosing their totems and then naming their Lodge in the appropriate Indian language for their totem. Totems are usually chosen to represent a bird or animal of the forest, which is the deer, but also an Indian head.

The top figure of our totem is the head of an Indian in full bonnet, which is consistent with the theme of some of our council camp and camporee emblems - a cut-out of an Indian head with full bonnet, but was later changed to two feathers to signify a brave instead of a chief. The lodge totem has more significance to it than this, however, in that the Indian pictured on the totem is Chanco, one of the unsung and truly great figures in American History. Since this Powhatan Indian brave who, tied in with early history of Surry County, the county in which our Council camp was located at the time and due to the fact that Chanco displayed additional virtues desired by every Scout, it was only logical then to name our lodge "Chanco", and let his figurehead top our emblem. Thus Lodge #483 had its totem and an appropriate Indian title, the actual name of a real Indian.

Thus on June 13, 14, and 15, 1952, at Camp Waters, Surry, Virginia, Blue Heron Lodge #349 conducted the first ordeal of Chanco Lodge #483.

## COURIER AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The CHANCO COURIER was awarded a Certificate of Merit in the best newsletter competition at the 1976 conclave. Judging the competition were editors from the Virginia Press Association and the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association.



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