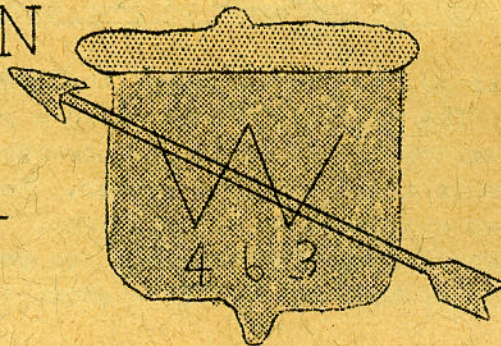


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JUNE ORDEAL-FELICWSEIP

Last spring, June 15-17, Kecoughtan held one of their two annual Ordeals to ready Camp Okee for summer camp. There were 124 Kecoughtonians present and there were also visitors from Blue Heron and Amangamek-Wipit lodges. There were 43 new members inducted into our lodge on this weekend. Thirty-nine Ordeal members advanced to Brotherhood and four arrowmen were elevated to the Vigil Honor.

Registration started Friday night after which a cracker barrel was held. On Friday night the candidates were briefed as to what was expected of them as a member of our Order.

Saturday was a day of hustle and bustle. Work parties did all sorts of odd jobs. They fixed roads, carried platforms and bunks, and set up tents. Okee was almost ready for the first batch of eager campers by suppertime on Saturday. On that night the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies were held and afterwards the Saturday night cracker barrel got underway.

Directly after breakfast on Sunday, the lodge business meeting commenced. At this meeting an entire set of new lodge rules were discussed. It was decided that the lodge would vote on them in August. After the meeting, the waterfront facilities were opened and were enjoyed by many. Church services were conducted at 11:30 A.M. by Chaplain James V. Harvester, one of our new Ordeal members.

The final item of the weekend was lunch on Sunday. For this meal and all the others of the weekend, the entire lodge thanks the cooking committee for its faithful service. The weekend was a tremendous success and very beneficial to our camp.

WORK PARTIES BEGAN EARLY TO READY CAMP

For several weekends before our spring Ordeal, several district work parties of about 25-30 adults went to Okee to do many odd jobs, especially on the dining hall, to prepare camp for the summer. To these work parties and to our cooking committee, which was responsible for cooking the food for the work parties, the Kecoughtan Kryer extends its appreciation for the fine work accomplished.

THE VIGIL HONOR --- Conferred on four Kecoughtonians

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members. The Vigil is not given to a person because of rank or position, but it is awarded to the person or persons in the lodge who have contributed their service in a self-denying manner. To receive the Vigil Honor should be the desire and dream of all arrowmen. To receive the Vigil, a person must have been Brotherhood for at least two years, and during his entire duration as a lodge member, he must have shown himself worthy of this honor.

The Vigil Honor ceremony began Friday, June 15th, with meditation and thought towards the Vigil. After the meditation, a ceremony known only to Vigil members lasted throughout the night. At dawn on Saturday, Kecoughtan's own THOMAS SLOAN, JAMES F. KUHN, LEWIS ANDREWS, and JOHNNIE JACKSON were inducted into the Vigil Honor after a very impressive and meaningful ceremony.

The Kecoughtan Kryer and the entire Kecoughtan Lodge extends its congratulations to our newest Vigils!

OA CONCESSIONS PROVE SUCCESSFUL!

This spring our lodge ventured into the business world. Yes, Kecoughtan arrowmen saw the favorable prospects for a concession stand at the annual Scout Exposition. Under the leadership of the lodge chief, Lewis Andrews, and Mr. Tom Sloan, the lodge netted over \$850.00. This money was put in the bank account of the lodge. However, it did not stay there very long. Our order, being one of cheerful service, agreed in advance that all proceeds would go to the improvement of Camp Okee. Those items purchased included; a portable electric fan, a rowboat, dining flies, picnic tables, a canoe carrier, indian pumps.

Those persons who worked 6 hours or more were eligible to buy a lodge patch, and certainly, there were those who did more than their share.

Congratulations, Kecoughtan, for the fine spirit and way in which you have promoted camping and cheerful service, especially through your services at the Scout Exposition on May 5, 1962.

JUST A REMINDER

While you are at the Ordeal this weekend, you should constantly remember that all of you are Scouts and as Scouts you should conduct yourselves accordingly. The way you act and control yourself this weekend will reflect your individual character and at the same time show to others the type of people that are members of our lodge.

Keep up the fine display of good character and sportsmanship, and our lodge is destined to see many great things emerge from it in the very near future.

We shall see you at the Ordeal this weekend!

EASTERN DISTRICT EXPEDITION

Although somewhat in the past, a notable event of one of our districts was the Scout Expedition to Washington, D. C. conducted by the Eastern District. The district, headed by Mr. James R. Arnold, held the Expedition on the weekend of May 25 - 27. There were over 650 Scouts and leaders in attendance for the big event.

The group set up its headquarters at Camp Wilson which is operated by the National Capital Area Council. From Camp Wilson the contingent set out on sightseeing tours of the Washington area. Even though Saturday night was rainy, the campfire was a success, and twenty-nine OA candidates were tapped-out. This group formed the largest part of the June candidates.

The Expedition was the third of its kind for the Eastern District. Previous trips included Gettysburg and John Kerr Dam. These trips, both educational and fun, have proven to be the definite highlight of the year for our Eastern District.

OKEE CAMPING SEASON. . . A SUCCESS!

Camp Okee, which operated from June 17th through August 5th, saw its most successful season this year. A record number of over 700 campers used Okee and necessitated the addition of two extra weeks to handle the large number of campers. This year's staff was headed by Mr. James R. Arnold, the camp director. It is interesting to note that 16 of the 25 staff members are in our lodge.

Some of the special events held during camp this summer included: unit campfires, scavenger hunt, skit campfire, skill mill, phys-o-rama, turtle derby, rifle shoot-off, water carnival, and the traditional OA Friday night campfire.

During the regular camping weeks, 35 candidates were tapped-out. This swelled the total number of August candidates to 60.

Without a doubt this has been the most successful year for our council camp but, of course, we must look to the future and make plans accordingly. Whether we will use Okee next year or whether we will be in a new camp, we know we will have another extremely successful and fruitful year.

--NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS--

The lodge nominating committee, consisting of Sonny Short, chairman, Tom Poteet and Danny Garrett, met last week and drew up a slate of officers for the coming year. Their decisions are as follows:

- CHIEF - - - - - Lewis Andrews
- Vice CHIEF - - - - - Ben Lawton
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - - - - - Ben West
- RECORDING SECRETARY - - - - - Danny Garrett
- TREASURER - - - - - Skip Jackson

The election of officers will be held during the business meeting of the August Ordeal.