



THE CHANCE COURIER

CHANCO LODGE 483

FEBRUARY - 1968

THE
CHIEF
SPEAKS



Dear Brothers:

I am very glad to have this opportunity to talk to you. I ask once more for your continuing support of the officers you have elected and the newly appointed committee chairmen who will lead you in the coming year. Remember that every member of the Lodge is on a committee. Each member will be notified in the near future as to the place and time of the meeting of the committee to which he belongs. Each of these committees has an important purpose and will require the active participation of each of its members if its purpose is to be fulfilled.

With the proper functioning of all of these committees, the Lodge will no longer be run by five or ten overburdened brothers but will use the full resources of its membership towards the goal of cheerful service.

I hope that when you are notified as to the meeting of your particular committee, you will remember that your fellow scouts elected you to the Order of the Arrow not for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do. As Scouts we joyfully accept the facilities of camp and the many other benefits of Scouting. As Arrowmen we have the opportunity to pass these same benefits on to the younger boys by working to build a strong Lodge which can effectively aid the Scout program. Let's do our best to repay in some small way the many benefits we have received from Scouting by being active members of Chanco 483 - a brotherhood of cheerful service.

Jim Frost
Lodge Chief

BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

The following is a copy of the test for brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. If you are taking Brotherhood this fellowship the test will be given on Friday night.

- 1) What is the name of initial membership in the O.A.?

Ordeal Membership

- 2) Why is it so called?

Because it preceded by a four-fold ordeal.

- 3) What are the four parts of this ordeal and their respective purposes?

A night of camping alone under the heavens to prove my self-reliance; a day of arduous toil to indicate my willingness to serve others; 24 hours of scant food to demonstrate my power of self-denial, and a like period of silence to turn my thoughts inward.

- 4) How were you prepared for this ordeal?

I was led by Kichkinet to the north end of camp where the significance of the Arrow was first revealed as I tested the bow.

- 5) When you had completed the ordeal, how were you dealt with?

I was placed on the trail which leads to the circle of the lodge.

- 6) By whom were you first stopped as you approached the circle?

By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if I had passed the ordeal without flinching.

- 7) Who next barred your progress?

Meteu, who inquired if I had been given admonition.

- 8) Had you been given the admonition?

I had not, but Kichkinet, my guide, had and gave it for me.

- 9) Before whom did you at last arrive?

Before Allowat Sakima, the chief of the fire, who asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the obligation.

- 10) What was Kichkinet's reply to this inquiry?

Only in the binding of them together.

- 11) How did Kichkinet call the attention of each of these officers to your presence?

By three taps of the hand upon the left shoulder.

- 12) What did those three taps signify?

The three parts of the Scout oath or promise.

- 13) How did each of the officers respond to Kichkinet's taps?

By one tap, followed by two taps on the left shoulder.

- 14) What did these taps represent?

The 12 points of the Scout Law.

- 15) How were you and your companions bound together?

By a rope, which until we took the obligation, represented our tie to the brotherhood.

BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE (Cont'd)

16) How was your preparation for the obligation completed?

Nutiket directed me to hold my right hand in the Scout sign and repeat the obligation after Allowat Sakima.

17) Repeat the obligation.

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui which I have now received. I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities and will endeavor so far as in my power lies to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

18) In what did Meteu then instruct you?

In the legend upon which our order was founded.

19) Who were the central figures of the legend?

The aged chieftain, Chingachgook, and his son, Uncas, who by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service are said to have saved the Delaware Lodges from annihilation.

20) What did Allowat Sakima then impart to you?

The symbol and handclasp of the order, the admonition, and the sign of Ordeal membership.

21) What is the symbol of the Order?

The arrow, whose undeviating course when aimed high is a token of leadership.

22) How is it worn?

Pointing over the right shoulder.

23) Give me the handclasp of our order.

(Give it)

24) How must the admonition always be given?

Whispered in the ear.

25) What is the admonition?

(Give it)

26) What does it mean?

To love one another.

27) What is the sign of the Ordeal?

(give it)

28) What is the full name of our order?

Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

29) In what language is it given?

In the language of the Delaware Indians, the Lenni Lanape.

30) What is the meaning in English?

The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

31) Give the words (or sing) the song of the order.

Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan.

BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE (cont'd)

31) Continued ..

That cheerful service brings to
fellowman.

Circle our council fire, weld
tightly every link,

That binds us in brotherhood
Wi-mach-ten-dienk.

\$\$\$ D U E S \$\$\$

The deadline for 1968 dues is
March 1, 1968 (I hope you receive
this paper by then). After this date
a penalty fine of one dollar (\$1.00)
must be paid along with the two dollar
(\$2) dues. If you have not paid your
dues, send them to:

Mike Thomas
113 South Broad Street
Suffolk, Virginia 23434

1 9 6 8 P O W W O W

This year Chanco Lodge is allowed 18
delegates to the Area III-C Pow Wow.
Powhatan Lodge is the host lodge
this year. So far we have only 14
delegates signed up. We need four
more people to represent Chanco Lodge.
The cost of the Pow Wow is \$5.50 plus
50¢ for breakfast on arrival. This
is a great opportunity for fellowship
and patch trading (if you are a
trader). The last four places will
be given on a first-come-first-serve
basis. If you would like to attend
the Pow Wow, send your money to:
Mike Thomas - 113 S. Broad Street,
Suffolk, Virginia 23434.

1 9 6 8 C A L E N D A R

March 22,23,24 Spring Fellowship
April 26,27,28 Pow Wow
June 7,8,9 Work Weekend
August 9,10,11 Fall Fellowship
November 16 Kitchen Cabinet
December 27 Christmas Banquet

M A I L N O T I C E

If you know of any member not receiving
O.A. mail and who has paid his dues,
please send his name to: Mike Thomas,
113 S. Broad St., Suffolk, Va. 23434

1 9 7 0 P O W W O W

Chanco Lodge is planning to host the
1970 Pow Wow. We are almost certain
that we will be able to obtain the bid
for the 1970 Pow Wow and plans are al-
ready underway for hosting this event.
This venture will require the efforts
of the entire Lodge membership. If you
are asked to serve on a committee for
this event, please do so with a 100%
effort. This will be the first time
Chanco has hosted a Pow Wow and we
want it to be the best in the history
of Area III-C.

W O R K W E E K E N D

On June 7,8, and 9th, Chanco Lodge is
holding its work weekend at Siouan
Scout Reservation. The purpose of this
function is to help set up summer camp
for the 1968 season. In doing this,
more time is made available to the
camp's staff for preparing their various
programs of instructions. This extra
time is invaluable to the camp's pro-
gram. So please try to attend this
function and lend some cheerful service
to the entire scouting program of
Old Dominion Area Council.

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S P R I N G F E L L O W S H I P

The Spring Fellowship will be held on March 22, 23, and 24th at Siouan Scout Reservation. Tents will be set up at Siouan for the Arrowmen's use. The dining hall and all its facilities will also be available. The cost of this fellowship will be \$3.50 plus an additional \$1.00 if you take the Brotherhood. This is to be sent to:

Mike Thomas
113 South Broad Street
Suffolk, Va. 23434

Deadline for this fee is March 8, 1968. After this date, there will be an additional penalty fee of one dollar.

At this fellowship we plan to landscape the dining hall. Our second project, which can be carried out ONLY if we have a large turnout, is to start work on building a permanent alter and other facilities for our new ceremonial grounds.

If you plan to attend the fellowship, please fill out the following slip and send it to Mike Thomas at the above address.



I PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPRING FELLOWSHIP.



I PLAN TO TAKE THE BROTHERHOOD.

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____

(Your Name)