

50th Anniversary

Echockotee celebrated its 50th anniversary in April 1991 by returning to Camp Echockotee for a special lodge weekend. Over 300 past and present lodge members attended, including members of the first Echockotee Ordeal induction, Clyde King and William "Pinky" Charles. Co-chairman Billy Schilling and Scott Benfield put together the all-day event with activities included dancing demonstrations, a miniature Quest event, historical displays of the lodge and council, lodge officer reunions, and the construction of a time capsule. At the event the lodge reunited all of the members of the original ordeal class.

The Saturday Night show was highlighted with a re-enactment of the original Ordeal ceremony of Treasure Island in 1915, at the founding of the Order, and a video history of the lodge put together by Eddie Tudor. Special patches issued for the anniversary were a flap patch and chenille, reproducing the design of the first lodge patch of the 1940's.