



WOLF'S TALE

THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5
HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL, BSA



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ELECTED LODGE OFFICERS SWORN IN AT SEPTEMBER OA WEEKEND

These five Scouts are Kittatinny Lodge's newly elected officers. Above center is Lodge Chief, Joseph Buchert. To his left is Vice Chief of Administration, Tom Rahn. To his right is Vice Chief of Activities, Steve Dibler. On the bottom and to the left is Secretary, Chad Shade. Finally, on the bottom and to the right is Treasurer, Kyle Luckenbill. All five of these young men have lots of new ideas for our Lodge for which they will need your help to bring to reality. The next time you see any of the officers, see if you can give them a hand. Although they lead us, they rely on your brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service to make things happen in the Lodge.

In keeping with the theme of elections, and since it's an election year, we'll borrow and adapt this most famous line — "And so, my fellow Brothers: ask not what your Lodge can do for you — ask what you can do for your Lodge." Oh, and don't forget your civic duty and right to vote !

BROTHERHOOD DAY

Most of you should receive this issue of Wolf's Tale a few days before Brotherhood Day. This year, we're once again in a sticky situation regarding Brotherhood conversion numbers in our lodge. A requirement for earning Quality Lodge is that a certain number of members seal their membership in the lodge by becoming a Brotherhood members. Unfortunately, it seems that we come short of our goal every year after the September weekend. Even worse, as is the case this year, some of the adult members of the lodge who do not become Brotherhood members hurt our numbers the most. Luckily, we can still earn Quality Lodge if enough people come to Brotherhood Day and complete their Brotherhood Review and Brotherhood Ceremony.

Many people are apprehensive about completing the Brotherhood Honor because they are afraid they will not pass the dreaded "Brotherhood Test." This is a misplaced feeling because the "Brotherhood Test" is actually not a test at all. More appropriately, the process should be called a "Brotherhood Review." You can't fail your Brotherhood Test, because it is a thing of the Spirit. As long as you make an effort to learn and understand the materials required for Brotherhood, the person who you chat with at your "review" will be glad to help you if you get stuck or will explain anything you don't understand about the Order or about your Ordeal. It's a very casual process and you can't fail.

With that being said, don't let your Lodge down if you have not become a Brotherhood member and 10 months have passed since your Ordeal. Please come to Brotherhood Day on Saturday, November 4, 2000 at HMSR. Brotherhood Reviews will begin at approximately 2:00 after the Lodge Leadership Seminar is completed. After dinner, then the Brotherhood Ceremony will be held.

Plan on spending an afternoon with your Lodge and bring friends from your troop who are also eligible for Brotherhood conversion. Let your Spirit of Brotherhood shine !



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From the Desk of...FLOW REBMIT

Well, it is now Fall and that means another fellowship weekend. This past weekend, as September ripened into October, reminded me of years ago in the dim ages when the Lodge fall weekend was in October.

I can see it now, Mike Setley, Dave Chicowicz, Randy Bashore and the gang running around camp taking down canvas. Later it was Wayne Bechtel, Carl Deitrich, Jr., Bill Bright, Gerry Sullivan, Dave Merkt and the list goes on and on. This time it was Dan Bingaman, Steven Phillips and Tony Setley going around camp taking down canvas. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

I was glad to see Jon Trump made the trip from Happy Valley. Many of our college youth make

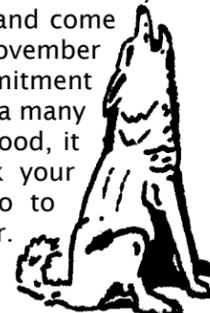
the commute home just for a lodge weekend. I hear last years chief begged for a ride home, just to see his lodge brothers again. This weekend was a good one with great weather.

One thing happened that has me concerned; That new lodge adviser (Dick Keppler) talked at the quarterly meeting about the need to have more Ordeal members convert to Brotherhood in November. This is necessary for the lodge to be a Quality Lodge again. The concerning part (and he's right) is that it's the ADULTS in the lodge that are doing the most damage. The youth commit to Brotherhood at a wonderful percentage. The adults, many of whom have been ordeal since the 60's, are pulling down our percentage. The lodge officers, both this term and in the previous regime have worked

their bonnet feathers off to make this lodge a quality lodge. If they fail because of the adults, how do we look them in the eye? How do we shake their hand and say "sorry, boys" ?

I am urging all adults who are currently Ordeal to get off their easy chairs and come to Brotherhood Day in November and make good on the commitment you promised Allowat Sakima many years ago. Become Brotherhood, it will make it easier to look your scouts in the eye and also to look at yourself in the mirror.

Flow Rembit



CHAIMAN'S REPORT

This Issue: Service

I've always seen OA members as a group of ants. Hardworking and vigilant, they work together to accomplish innumerable tasks. Some may seem dull and exhausting, but the arts and the OA members alike, go about them cheerfully.

If you share the same vision maybe you should join the Service Committee. We are the committee which organizes cheerful service during the OA weekends. The committee includes the crew chiefs who lead the crews during the OA weekends that keep our camp so clean. In the past we have always had a group of very skilled crew chiefs that have always made cheerful service run smoothly. If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact me through e-mail or phone. I can be reached through e-mail at the address Service@Kittatinny5.org and my phone number is on the back of the Wolf's Tale.

Andrew Hoffmaster
Service Chairman



Cheerful Service. Willit's Dining Hall gets a fresh coat of paint by some Lodge Brothers.

FROM THE VICE CHIEF OF ACTIVITES

If you weren't at the September OA weekend, you missed some fun new activities and experiences. The officers and committee chairmen this year have a goal of trying some new ideas to improve lodge activities at OA weekends, so we will be trying these new ideas over the next few weekends.

The most obvious change that was tried in September was a new and improved cracker barrel on Saturday night. If you weren't there, we had karaoke and a patch show. Karaoke was certainly very interesting, and I think everyone had a good time. Whether it was me singing a Shenia Twayne song or Joe Buchert lip-synching some Spice Girls, it made for a fun evening.

The patch show was also quite interesting. Some of our lodge's private patch collections were spread out for all to see. If you enjoyed the impressive showing of patches in September, you can look forward to an expanded display in April at the first Spring weekend.

I'd like to thank all the committees that worked together and made the effort to try some new ideas. Also this weekend, Lodge member Earl Moyer received a special award for his extensive 50 years of service to the OA. The Lodge was served cake in his honor.

Attendance at the weekend was light and many brothers did not get out to enjoy the fun and fellowship. September was a test run for a few ideas, and we will roll out a few more in the Spring. Please plan now to attend in April and May so you can join us.

Over the winter, plan to stay involved in the activities that the lodge offers. Coming up in the next few months is Brotherhood Day and the Lodge Leadership Development Course held on November 4. This will be a final opportunity for you to seal your bonds in Brotherhood for 2000, as well as a chance to have some fun with your Brothers.

Registration forms and information are available on the web at <http://kittatinny5.org>.

See you there !

PHOTOS

(Left) Mike Barner shows his Lodge patches at the Saturday Cracker Barrel. An even more extensive Lodge patch collection display is planned for the April Weekend.

(Right) Lodge Chief Joe Buchert sings Karaoke. Don't give up the day job !



COLD WEATHER CAMPING TIPS

The temperatures at the time of this printing will still be in the high 60's, but our earlier taste of chilly weather is a reminder of Winter Camper organization, we provide you with these cold weather tips taken from various Scout references for the upcoming Winter camping Season.

- C Keep yourself and your clothes **Clean**.
- O Avoid **Overheating**.
- L Wear clothes Loose and in **Layers**.
- D Keep **Dry**.

- Remember when buying clothes for cold weather that wool retains most of its insulation properties when wet, while cotton loose most of its. Some man-made materials are better than wool.

- Wear mittens instead of fingered gloves when you do not need independent use of your fingers. This will allow the fingers to help keep each other warm.

- Wear a stocking cap or other warm hat. One that covers the ears and neck area is particularly effective. Remember, most heat loss is through the head. Wearing a warm hat warms the rest of your body, too.

- Do not sleep with your head under the covers. Doing so will increase the humidity in the bag that will reduce the insulation properties of the bag and increase dampness.

- Space blankets, if used as a ground cloth, will not reflect the body heat. Instead it will conduct the cold from the ground to your body.

- Remove the clothes you are wearing before bedding down if they are damp with perspiration. Put on dry clothing or pajamas before entering the sleeping bag.

- It takes longer to cook food in cold weather, so plan accordingly. Before going to bed pour enough water for breakfast into a pot. It is easier to heat the pot than a plastic water can.

OCTOBER 2nd LODGE QUARTERLY MEETING

- Tom Rahn, the Vice Chief of Admin. announced that if anyone wanted to be on the dance team they should talk to either Joe Buchert, Chad Shade or himself.
- Chad Shade, the new Secretary, announced that he will no longer need written speeches of the committee chairs, as he will be recording meetings from now on.
- Seth Wolfinger, the chairman for CP&E, reported that they will be reorganizing, and would like some volunteers to help out with unit elections.
- Andrew Hoffmaster, Service chairman, asked that any members that was interested in being a crew chief for the April weekend should give him a call.
- The Ordeal chairman, Josh Abramowicz, asked that anyone wanting to become an elangomat contact him.
- Joe P., giving the Turtle Clan report, asked that all Turtle Clan members call their Chieftain pertaining to new monthly meetings to learn about Native Americans.
- The Lodge Chief, Joe Buchert, asked that all Committee Chairs come to the next LLDC since it is now a requirement for a certain amount of people to be trained.
- Tom Rahn also announced that all Committee Chairs should come to the next Lodge Executive Committee meeting, since their budgets will be defined there.

KOSHARE DANCERS By Steve Dibler

Scouts and Scouters from Hawk Mountain Council and Kittatinny Lodge were treated to a spectacular exhibition of Native American dancing and lore on August 18 when the Koshare Indian Dancers visited Berks County at Albright College.

The Koshare Indian Dancers are a troop and post from La Junta, Colorado who study and perform Native American dance and teach about Indian lore to audiences around the country. Hawk Mountain Council Philmont contingents traditionally visit the Koshare Indian dancers at their Kiva, or primary ceremonial site, on a return trip from Philmont Scout Ranch. The Koshares were a special treat this time because they performed in our own backyard in Reading.

The Koshare dancers were spectacular to say the least. The dances were all precisely performed without any hesitation or delay. It was clear that the performers knew exactly what they were doing. Some particularly noteworthy parts of the performance were the hoop dances. In this dance, a very agile and flexible dancer moved very quickly in and out of a small hoop. The dancer twirled the hoop so fast that at times it looked like a blur. A variation of the hoop dance was also performed, but this time a single hoop was lit on fire. This very dramatic and breathtaking performance once again exhibited the skill and precision of the dancers.

In addition to their performance at Albright, the spokesman of the group appeared on Hawk Mountain Council's monthly television show on BCTV, "Scouting Perspective," with Lodge Chief Joe Buchert and Lodge Secretary Chad Shade. On the show, we learned that to become a member of the Koshare dancers requires a very strong commitment from a Scout. Most Scouts begin in the Koshares after earning their Star rank. Within the Koshare organization, they can then advance by learning dances, songs, and by constructing an authentic costume. This is no small feat, because each Scout must learn a large number of songs and dances. To make this task even more daunting, the construction of a simple costume may take many weeks and months to complete. A member of the Koshare dancers is also required to attend at least 75% of the groups' activities, who meet nearly every day of the week. Truly, the commitment and dedication of a Koshare dancer is remarkable.

It was a rare treat to see the Koshare dancers perform in Reading. Anyone who attended will agree that the dancers provided a wonderful evening full of suspense and excitement about Native America for us to enjoy.



LODGE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- Nov. 4 Lodge Leadership Development Seminar & Executive Committee Mtg. H.M.S.R.
- Nov 4-5 Vigil Weekend H.M.S.R.
- Nov 5 Brotherhood Day H.M.S.R.

WHOSE JOB IS IT ?

Editor's Note: The story below unfortunately came true at the September weekend when few or no Brothers followed up on cleaning the dining hall and shower houses at the end of the weekend. Sadly, the Lodge Adviser and a few others stayed close to an hour extra to clean up the mess (and it was a mess). The story is re-printed for you to reflect upon your promise of Cheerful Service and the point of the Scout Law reminding you to be Helpful and Clean.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

HELP WANTED

Ceremonies is looking for dedicated members to build fires, set out the torches and make sure the circle is ready-both on Friday and Saturday. Do you want to be an understudy for one of the principles ? Give Brandon Hafer or Bob Cook a call-their numbers are on the back of the Wolf's Tale.

SOMEONE IN YOUR UNIT HAS LEFT THEIR DUES LAPSE AND NO LONGER RECEIVES THE WOLF'S TALE !

HOW WILL THEY KNOW WHEN THE OA WEEKENDS ARE ?

HOW WILL THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE MISSING ?

WELCOME THEM BACK AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE ACTIVE IN LODGE FUNCTIONS.

CLIP THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS NOT IN GOOD STANDING. A DUES FORM IS PRINTED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

April 20-22 OA Weekend Registration

*** Kittatinny Lodge Member Registration Form ***
 *** Please Print Clearly - Dues Payment form on opposite side ***

Name: _____

Lodge Member ID#: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Ordeal members with 10 months in the lodge are eligible for Brotherhood testing. Check the appropriate fee and indicate the Total amount included. Please use one form per each member. Forms must be received in office on or before indicated date. Additional forms may be obtained at the council office or the Kittatinny Web Site. Thank you.

- FEEES: [] \$10.00 - Before APRIL 6 Full Weekend
 [] \$ 6.00 - Before APRIL 6 Partial (2 meals)
 [] \$15.00 - After APRIL 6 Full or Partial Weekend
 [] \$14.00 - Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee
 ONLY for eligible Ordeal Members

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Mail fee, envelope, and completed form to:

**Kittatinny Lodge 5, Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
 4901 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605**

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LODGE MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE TO \$7.00 FOR 2001

Once again, after another year of fun and service in the lodge, it's time to pay your dues. Dues this year reflect a price increase. For 2001, the price of dues have been adjusted to \$7.00.

This price reflects an increase passed to us from the National Order of the Arrow. Annually, the lodge must send a fee to National know as National Dues. National increased this price by \$1.00 for 2001, and we are forced to raise the

price of our dues to keep up with the rising costs from National.

However, don't be too upset by the price. Seven dollars is still a great price for all the benefits you get in your Lodge. It makes you eligible to sign up for 3 GREAT weekends a year, as well as qualifying you to receive another year's worth of high-quality Wolf's Tale issues. Another added bonus of paying your dues is that you will continue to be listed as an active members in

the lodge and will receive all lodge mailings. Not only that, but if you wait until after January 1st the price to pay your dues will increase by three more dollars to \$10.00. So what are you waiting for ?

Fill out and clip the dues form in this issue and send it in to the Council Office today !



YEAR 2001 DUES - KITTATINNY LODGE V

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Enclose a self-addressed envelope with proper postage affixed if you would like your membership card sent to you by U.S. mailed.

Lodge Membership Dues - \$7.00 (Until JAN. 1, 2001)

Name: _____

Lodge Member ID#: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

I certify that I am registered as:

- Registered: Scout Scouter
 Explorer Team Member
- District: Appalachian Broad Mountain
 Cacoosing Daniel Boone
 Frontier Indian Run

Unit: _____ Position: _____

Council Level: Position: _____

Signature: _____

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