



WOLF'S TALE

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



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KITTATINNY 5 IS A-OK

On Sunday, December 17, 2000, the lodge was visited by a Section Assistance Team for a lodge visitation. The Section is a group of lodges representing most eastern Pennsylvania and portions of neighboring states. Kittatinny Lodge is a member of Section NE-4A. Section Vice Chief Jon Pitt represented the Section at the visitation. Jon met with Lodge Chief Joe Buchert, Vice Chief Steve Dibler, and Past Lodge Chief Jeff Reichart to discuss the lodge and its standing in the section, as well as advisers Mike Reichart and Dick Keppler.

As part of the evaluation, the lodge assessed its program, finances, and operations. We concluded that Kittatinny runs a strong program that keeps the lodge members busy. As we focused on our lodge strengths, we mentioned the lodge publications, ceremonies, camp promotions and elections, and our summer program. We felt that these programs represented the best of Kittatinny 5.

Although we are strong in these areas, we aren't perfect, either. We felt that we have weaknesses in communications, Brotherhood conversion, and in our lack of implementation of the Troop Representative program. The areas we feel we are weakest in represent areas for improvement, though. We already have plans in the works for improving Brotherhood conversion, and are developing a structure for the Troop Representative program.

The Section Assistance Team visitation helped us realize what a great lodge we have, but also gave us some direction for the future by underlining our weaknesses.

Let's work together as we look forward to Spring, by pitching in to improve our lodge and make it the best that it can be.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Steve Dibler
Vice Chief Activities



A picture from the Section Assistance Team visitation, held December 17 at the Hawk Mountain Council Office. From left to right, Joe Buchert, Lodge Chief and Jon Pitt, Section Vice Chief.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Brothers,

With the winter months quickly passing by the Spring Ordeal weekends are just around the corner. The executive committee has been meeting and the lodge is running well behind the scenes, but it is up each of you to make these weekends a success. Brothers, get your sign up forms in early . . . honor your commitment to service in 2001.

Conclave is also just around the corner. I urge each of you to think about this event and sign up if it interests you. See the OA from a different angle and meet arrowmen from other

lodges. I've been to a few, and have loved them all.

Until the April and May weekends round the corner as these last few weeks of winter wane away, let the Spirit of the Order remind each of you of your commitment to Service.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Joe Buchert
Lodge Chief
Sachgagumen Tschiqui

A BROTHER BIDS FAREWELL

Dear Brothers in the Wimachtendienk

As you read this, I am heading to South Carolina for Army Basic Training. Yes, you heard me right. After spending a few months for the answers to questions I had long forgotten, I decided to go into the Army. After having read my long-time friend, Joanne Schoffstall's, letter in the last, issue, I feel as if I am trying to 'one-up' her. But that was never my intention, and I wish her well, with her new endeavor.

After spending the last 19 years in Scouting in Hawk Mt. Council, I view many of the people that will read this, as family. Family is owed a proper goodbye, and since I hate good-byes, I'd like to thank everyone, all around.

I could fill up the entire newsletter with names, and still miss a person or two. Please, no offense intended if I didn't get a chance to talk to you personally to say 'goodbye'.

Thank You to anyone who has ever asked how work was going, how my wife was doing, how the kids are, how I'm doing in college, and so on. Sometimes it's a welcome change of pace to talk about something other than Boy Scouts at a scouting function.

Thank You for all the encouragement I received to stop procrastinating and finish up my projects. First, my service project for Eagle Scout, and a few years later, my Wood Badge ticket. I've never truly showed my appreciation for the effort that took for more people than necessary.

I want to recognize a few people I will be linked with, forever. First would be the 8 other men up on the hill, nearly 10 years ago. It will be long time before our Vigil group is all together again. But the stories are classic from that night. The second group is the six other people I spent three weekends with, five years ago. My Wood Badge Patrol will always have a place in my heart.

I think I've rambled long enough, and for respect for the young man editing and placing this in his newsletter, I'm going to close this out. Please feel free to ask my dad how I'm doing when you see him, I'm sure he'll have pictures, or a cute story.

With all due respect to Earl Moyer ...
OA, All Ways, Always

Jason L. Hatt
Kikes Passitechin Wewowatan



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From the Desk of...FLOW REBMIT

Well, the Super Bowl is over and those Ravens did the deed. I can hear a certain Vigil Adviser yelling all the way from the Pricetown Road to my den. Maybe now my Timberwolves can win the NBA title. Hey, you can't fault a girl for dreaming.

Congratulations to the Lodge on being a Quality Lodge yet again! The credit goes to those two Lodge Chiefs who served this past year. Joe and Jeff, along with their respective executive committees, did a fantastic job. They all deserve a hearty howl.

The times they are a changing. The turning of the calendar is a sure sign of change and this year is no different. Changes in the Lodge see a new Staff Adviser and Camp changes see a new Camp Director. My keen sense of hearing (those ears aren't perked up for nothing) has heard a few rumblings about changes and how things will never be the same. You need to trust ol' Flow. Things will be fine. I remember when Baden Powell passed on - people said Scouting would die too. Then Dr. Goodman went to be with the Great Chief in the Sky. These two great men died and yet Scouting and the Order have

continued, and quite well I might add. I'll bet a whole mess of cracker barrel pizzas that Dr. Goodman is looking down on old lodge number five and is very pleased.

See you at the weekends! Sign up early - our boys work hard and this will help them plan better.

Flow Rebmit



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This Issue: Activities

Brothers,

The Activities committee has been working hard all winter on new ideas to make the weekends more fun, but we need YOUR help. So if you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you just want to help out, please contact me. In order for the weekends to be more fun. We need everyone's help and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in April.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Steve Kline
Activities Committee Chair

THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE OA FLAP

This past summer at a Jamboree contingent leaders meeting the topic of a Jamboree flap was discussed. My father, who is a leader for the Jamboree, told me about it. And so I pursued it.

I started my task by introducing the topic to the officers of the lodge. At first, some of them didn't like the idea. They said that OA and Boy Scouts were two separate things. Eventually, they all agreed that it would be a good idea and that it could help the lodge grow. Our lodge has never made a flap for Jamboree before, because when ever the topic was brought up by a past contingent they were always turned down.

The next step was to come up with a few designs. After I came up with the designs, I asked Joe Buchert for the OA membership list. Then, came the task of finding out how many contingent members were in the OA. When I did this, I found out that 85 of 144 contingent members are in the OA. I also realized that the number would go up by the time we go to Jamboree. Members who took their ordeal in September or those who were nominated for this year and haven't taken their ordeal yet weren't counted in the original count.

The next step was to go to the OA Executive board meeting and propose the idea and purpose of the flap. I went to the October board meeting.

At the October meeting, the flap got tabled until the next board meeting. At the next board meeting in January, the topic was brought up again under old business. We debated about the purpose of the flap and how many people would actually purchase the flap. Eventually, we came to the conclusion that it is a good idea and we should proceed with it. So, the lodge approved the production of the flap. The following step was to send a packet of information to all the Scoutmasters to discuss with their troop members. We got a surprising response to the idea of the flap. In just two out of four troops counted, the troop members said that they would purchase 669- 869 flaps.

After the lodge approved the flap, I gave Mike Reichart one of the packets to get prices for the runs of the flaps. After the prices came back on the 30th of January, the next step is to go to the Jamboree contingent leaders meeting. Hopefully, they will approve the flap so we can order them.

If the flap is approved by the leaders on the 4th of February, it will be the first time the lodge will ever have had a flap made for Jamboree. I think the OA flap will be a great addition to anyone's collection.

Jeremy Fisher

A MESSAGE FROM VIGIL

Dear Brothers,

I would like to congratulate all of our brothers who have taken the final step in the Order. November 4, 2000, was a day that will live in the hearts of many. For they have achieved the Vigil Honor.

Our annual April weekend will soon be upon us. Thus it is soon time for all Vigil Honor members to meet. The Vigil meeting will take place Friday, April 20.

If any brother knows someone who has been a Brotherhood member for 2 or more years and show exemplary service to troop, Kittatinny Lodge 5, camp, or Scouting in general, fill out a nomination form on their behalf. If you have any Vigil nomination forms, they MUST be turned in by April 20 to the council office.

Yours In Scouting,

Adam Kenderdine
Vigil Chairman
Tshitqui Mikemossit
Silent Laborer

A MESSAGE FROM CEREMONIES

Do you remember your callout, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil ceremony? Do you remember things like the costumes the principals wore, the props, the setting, or the words used in it? If you have ever seen a Kitty 5 ceremony, chances are you do. Ceremonies are an important part of any lodge, and in my opinion, possibly one of the more fun aspects of the OA.

You learn lots about Indian customs and traditions, how to make and maintain regalia, how to perfect your speaking and technique while doing your part in your ceremony, how to paint up your face so good that even your best friend won't recognize you and finally the best part, memorizing lots and lots of lines! Now c'mon stop your groaning, memorizing lines isn't hard at all! Then, when you are finally ready to give it your all, there is nothing like standing in front of your lodge performing your part in the various ceremonies we do. It is a great rush and nothing even comes close to it. And if you are really into ceremonies, the fun don't stop at lodge level. Every year there are

ceremonies team competitions at section level at the Conclave. There you can go up against the other lodges in our section and see how you and your teammates compare to other local teams. It is always lots of fun, and Kitty 5 teams always do awesome. THIS YEAR WE ARE CLEANIN HOUSE SO WATCH OUT #9! Conclave isn't the only place to find competition either. Every 2 years there is a National OA Conference called NOAC, where you can compete against all the other lodges in the country, and some from outside the USA even!

Now that is a trip competing with some of the best teams in the country for sure. Anyway, if this article has gotten you interested in ceremonies in any way, send an e-mail my way and I'll make sure to get back to you. And remember, you are never to young for ceremonies, so give it a try!

Yours is scouting,
Bobby Cook
Ceremonies Chairman

Smoke Signals... A MESSAGE FROM OUR LODGE STAFF ADVISER

I want to take this time to invite all of you to our spring weekends. There are many opportunities for service. Our April and May weekends will be very busy as we welcome new brothers and work diligently to prepare camp.

Sometimes we forget the purpose of our Order and I would like to ask as you decide whether or not to participate in these weekends, to remember that we are the brotherhood of cheerful SERVICE. The work we do will ensure the future of our lodge and create the best possible camping experience for the young Scouts that come through the gates in June, July and August.

Yours in Witahemui,

Mike Reichart
Nekama Wikasch
Staff Adviser

FROM THE BROTHERHOOD CHAIRMAN

WE WANT YOU! The Brotherhood committee is looking for those brothers, in our lodge, who have been an Ordeal member for ten months or more. If you fit in this category, you are eligible to take your Brotherhood review for the Brotherhood honor. **THERE'S NO CATCH!!** All you have to do is send in your form and money, study the material, and show up to take your review. We will even throw in a new sash and a ceremony by our excellent ceremonies team. We are also seeking Brotherhood members to

help administer the review. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. My number is on the back page, and my email is on the website: www.kittatinny5.org. Our goal is to help you achieve yours. We hope to see you there!

Yours in brotherhood,
Mike Miller
Brotherhood Chairman



March 15	Lodge Exec Mtg Council Office
April 20-22	April Weekend H.M.S.R.
May 18-20	May Weekend H.M.S.R.
June 8-10	Section Conclave Camp Mack
Sept. 18-20	Sept. Weekend H.M.S.R.

ARE YOU UP FOR VIGIL?

That's right! It's Vigil nomination time again! That means it is time to send in your votes for Vigil candidates. Below is a list of all brothers eligible for the Vigil Honor. First read the fine print on the nomination form on the back page, then come back here to see who you think is Vigil material.

ELIGIBLE YOUTH	2567 Dan Himmelberger	2374 Jeff Schutt	1647 Patricia Bittle	2032 Frederich John	2318 Bruce Schutt
2625 Joshua Abramowicz	2654 Ross Hodgkins	2375 Kyle Schutt	0106 Richard Bittle	1451 Jason Kantner	2135 Walter Schwenger
2139 Kevin Acri	2432 Ryan Hoffman	2376 Jacob Schwartz	3007 Philip Bortz	1515 Mitchell Karom	0523 William Shea
2322 Arlington Andrews	2349 Andrew Hoffmaster	2599 Mark Semanchik	0713 Ronald Bortz	1685 Troy Karom	1410 Jeremy Shook
2003 Gordon Araujo	2351 Steven Hrabak	2600 Ben Sherwood	2400 Michael Boychak	2663 Ken Kirch	2379 George Shoop
2181 William Bachman	2207 Austin John	2378 Brian Shoop	1671 Philip Boyer	1954 James Kohler	2540 Douglas Slichter
2492 Mark Bailey	2662 Blake Kiefer	2245 Jeff Silliman	0305 Christopher Brommer	0259 John Kohr	2321 Jack Snyder
2274 Justin Baylor	2572 Greg King	2382 Jack Snyder	2315 James Buerger	2078 William Koller	0766 Larry Snyder
2548 Danny Bechtel	2356 Nick Kirch	2383 Kyle Snyder	1743 Walter Burd	0503 John Krater, III	2058 Joseph Sobjak
2627 Derek Behney	2214 Dennis Kline	2526 Christopher Sterner	2536 Paul Chen	1276 Nicholas Leh	1910 Robert Stakem
2328 Marc Bender	2511 Steven Kline	2605 Ryan Stetz	1862 Edward De Frehn	0732 Sam Lenhart	1986 Howard Taylor
2630 Daniel Bingaman	2155 Scott Kohler	2607 Paul Stoltzfus	2555 Harry Deitz	0579 David Levan	1181 Frank Tenenholz
2186 William Borst	2668 Daniel Kravatz	2528 Ben Trump	2719 David Ehrig	2539 Vincent Lyons	1851 Joseph Tertel
2632 Mark Boychak	2578 Jason Logan	2306 Matthew Turner	2645 Francis Flexer	2084 Dominic Martin	2388 Darrell Turner
2330 Michael Boychak	1773 Zachary Matthew	2700 Alec Wagner	0377 Donald Folk	2113 Dennis Matthew	2471 John Udrea
2634 Gordon Brile	2442 Joshua Mccullion	2168 James Waits	2532 John Forry	1858 Albert Matz	3022 Shaun Udrea
2333 James Buerger	2443 Stephen Mekosh	1989 Zachary Waldman	0508 Glenn Frantz	1894 David Medernach	2476 Edwin Vanocker
2408 Christopher Butler	1964 Andrew Moll	2475 Scott Weller	2344 Todd Frasso	1895 Jeremy Medernach	0751 Joseph Vlcek
2552 Tyler Christ	1777 Matthew Noecker	2478 William Whites	0774 David Fry	2535 William Medley	2614 Irene Waits
2337 Robert Cook	2587 Jason Obold	2618 Sean Williams	1879 Joseph Furniss	2292 Michael Mescavage	1920 William Ward
2499 Damien Deantonio	2591 Stephen Phillips	2391 Stuart Williard	1176 Gene Gabel	1113 Dennis Miller	1577 Nicholas Warischalk
2557 Jason Dennis	2460 Michael Poznanski	2261 Mike Woloszanski	0460 Daniel Geissinger, Jr	1424 William Miller	1304 Robert Wawrousek
1747 Josh Dennis	2233 Jonathan Prine	1996 Jason Woodland	0760 Robert Gifford	1399 Joseph Mitzen	2476 David Wells
2643 Justin Fisher	1782 Matt Prine	2394 Joseph Yutko	1726 Anne Girard	2001 Daniel Moser	1482 Wade Wetzel
2644 Francis Flexer	2462 Bradley Prizer	2710 Adam Zulic	0170 John Godack	1521 Joseph Motz	1994 Dana Williams
2023 Richard Fowler	2518 Thomas Radomski		2264 Michael Golembiewski	2177 Dennis Moyer	2538 Kirk Wolesslagle
2342 Charles Frankhouser	2592 Neal Reager	ELIGIBLE ADULTS	2778 David Guzowski	2266 Jeffrey Naugle	2537 Thomas Wolesslagle
2343 Matthew Frasso	2593 Sean Reager	1584 Charles Acri	2137 Gregory Hafer	2456 Kim Phillips	1997 Robert Woodland
2345 Gordon Friedman	2711 Darral Reinert	1723 Dominick Acri	2623 Jeffrey Hannahoe	2482 George Pinkey	1927 Brian Worrell
2648 Ryan Gebely	1900 Doug Reinert	1583 Brent Adams	0205 Barry Haydt	2295 Louise Potteiger	0210 Junior Zehner
2424 Lon Gipe	2369 Michael Rhoads	1243 Jason Adams	2782 Robert Heintz	0607 Mark Ramich	2484 Michael Zulic
2199 Andrew Girard	2238 Adam Roebuck	1585 John Albert	1053 Chris Heist	0608 Scott Ramich	
2425 Milton Green	2683 Ronald Row	1308 John Arters	0724 Walter Heist	2543 David Reager	Reminder ...
2200 Jeffrey Greim	2684 Jon Rowe	1589 Nathan Augustine	0707 Thomas Hendricks	1708 David Reinert	Deadline for Vigil
2150 Brandon Gromis	1976 Richard Saylor	2182 William Bachman	0870 Larry Henne	1724 Ralph Reinert	Nominations is
2566 Brandon Hafer	2240 Greg Schaetzle	3100 Steven Bansner	1116 Matthew Hensinger	0337 Kenneth Reitnouer	April 20!
1756 Josh Hartman	1977 Scott Schimpf	0274 Daniel Bechtel	1757 Bruce Herb	0762 Jesse Ritz	
2100 Joshua Hensinger	1979 Richard Schmauch	2399 Arthur Bell	2655 Richard Hoffman	2873 Daniel Roberts	
1951 Erik Herb	2241 Jimmy Schoellkopf	1922 Ronald Bennett	0726 Richard Houtz	2371 Richard Roebuck	
2429 Bryan Hess	2302 Andrew Schoenly	0390 Dorsen Berger	2319 Arthur Irwin	1344 Kevin Rose	
	1846 Andrew Schreffler		0229 Earl Jacoby	2466 Ronald Row	

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.

- FEES: [] \$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
 5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605**

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
 AFTER APRIL 13, 2001 - NO WALK INS

MAY 18-20 - OA Weekend Registration

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 [] \$ 6.00 - Before APRIL 4 Partial (2 meals)
 [] \$15.00 - After APRIL 4 Full or Partial Weekend
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KITTATINNY LODGE #5 VIGIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION

Date ___/___/___ Deadline - April 20, 2001

Recommended by _____ Phone (____)____ - _____

Nominee's Name: _____ Birth - ___/___/___

Address - _____

Date of Ordeal - ___/___/___ Date of Brotherhood - ___/___/___

Please read carefully. Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen, who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. Under no circumstance should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor nomination.

Service to their lodge: _____

Service to the Order of the Arrow: _____

Service to Scouting: _____

Service to their Scout camp: _____

Scouting awards received: _____

The specific reasons for this nomination are (at least two required):

Mail to the following address:
Kittatinny Lodge 5 - BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike
Reading PA 19605

**Must be received no
later than April 20, 2001**

NATIONAL CHANGES ADULT OA ELECTION RULES

SELECTION OF ADULT LEADERS IN UNITS (Effective February 1, 2001)

Adult leaders in units: Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth which results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may recommend one registered unit adult, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee, composed of the lodge adviser, the chairman of the council committee on which the lodge adviser serves, and the lodge staff adviser. Troops or teams having more than 50 registered, active youth members may nominate an additional adult for every 50 registered, active youth, or fraction thereof. (As an example, a troop having 51 to 100 registered, active youth may nominate two adults each year if at least one youth has been elected.)

YEAR 2001 DUES - KITTATINNY LODGE V

This form is to be used only if you currently have dues paid for the year 2000 and are registered with the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA.

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 - \$10.00

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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