



WOLF'S TALE

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



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LODGE CALENDAR

- August 2-7
OA Indian Summer
- September 13
Lodge Leadership Development Course
- September 19-21
National Leadership Seminar (Camp Alpine)
- September 26-28
Ordeal Weekend
- September 28
Quarterly Meeting
- November 8
Brotherhood Day
- November 8-9
Vigil Weekend
- July 31-Aug 5, 2004
N.O.A.C - Iowa

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The Annual Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC) has been scheduled for September 13. If you hold any position of Leadership within the Lodge or are interested in holding a leadership position, you should attend this course.

Previously held on Brotherhood Day, the course has been moved to a day of it's own so attendees can focus on the training without distraction.

Why attend? 1) Course and lunch are FREE, 2) Get to know your fellow Arrowmen better, and 3) Learn and grow in your commitment to service in the Order.

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New Officers Take Charge August 1st



Name
Bob Cook
Past Lodge Positions
Vice Chief, Secretary, Ceremonies Chrm
BSA Rank
Eagle Scout
OA Honor
Vigil Honor
Home Town
Ringtown



Name
Ryan Gebely
Past Lodge Positions
Vice Chief, Bro Chrm
BSA Rank
Eagle Scout
OA Honor
Vigil Honor
Home Town
Leesport



Name
Alex Hafer
Past Lodge Positions
Ceremonies Chrm
BSA Rank
Life Scout
OA Honor
Vigil Honor
Home Town
Pottsville



Name
Jeremy Fisher
Past Lodge Positions
Membership Chrm
BSA Rank
Eagle Scout
OA Honor
Brotherhood
Home Town
Hamburg



Name
David Mckeown
Past Lodge Positions
Publications Chrm
BSA Rank
Eagle Scout
OA Honor
Brotherhood
Home Town
Port Carbon



The Chiefs Corner

As you are reading this, the new lodge chief, Bob Cook is planning to carry Kittatinny 5 into the year 2004. First, I would like to wish him the best of luck. You'll do a great job. While writing this article, I think back to when I first became involved in the OA. For those who do not know, I found my place in ceremonies. It was a last second decision to have me participate in the pre-ordeal ceremony. Without the chance I accepted, I may not be writing this story to you today. During my years as a lodge member, I met many different people, and had the opportunity to attend conclaves and NOAC's. I would like to thank all the people I met who kept me active and doing activities in the lodge.

Now it comes to all the Thank yous. First, I would thank all the advisers I had the opportunity to work with. Dwight Davis, Sally Trump, Dick Keppler, Barry Leister, Dick Bennett, and of course Roger Mory. You have helped me make decisions that I may have regretted if I did not listen to you. You also advised, and did not take the choices away from the youth. Thanks for all your help and advise.

Next I would like to thank all the adults who have helped me through my years as a lodge officer. Two people who especially helped me out, or were there for me to vent at were Susan and Bill Zierle. (Mama and Papa). Thanks for everything you have done, and the support you have given me. Just to let you know, I'm COMING BACK TO CEREMONIES!

Another group I would like to thank are my fellow officers, Josh, Bob, Gebely, and Steve. You guys

are great, and we have accomplished a lot. Although we had gotten off to a rough start, by the end everything seemed to be perfect. I am glad to have served my term as chief with such a great group of officers.

To my committee chairmen and advisers, clan people, and district CP&E reps., you have helped to keep me sane in the insanity of it all. There were times I just felt like I was about to combust, and you were there to help keep me in one piece (or had the glue to put me back together). Thank you for putting up with me, my various letters, and all the interesting and new ideas we tried. I feel we have accomplished a lot since last year, and I am glad that all of you could help me out. I feel that when choosing an exec. committee of the people who could do the best job, I did an excellent job. Thanks a lot everyone!

And last but not least, the membership of the lodge. Thank you for all your support. I could not have done any of this without you. You have done a great job showing that the spirit is still alive in Kittatinny 5.

As for my thoughts on everything, although it may have seemed that at times I was ready to just fall apart, I really did have a great time. I enjoyed my year as chief, and will always remember it. I encourage all new members to become involved. You can achieve great things, if you just become active. Remember, it is YOUR lodge. There have been a lot of new ideas, and a lot of new things for the new officers to pick up on. I wish all of them the best of luck this coming year. As for myself, I plan on staying involved in the lodge in the future. I look forward to seeing you all in September, and hopefully we won't have rain for the new officers. As always, continue to keep the "spirit alive in Kittatinny 5!"

Yours in the OA,
Mike Miller
Pitkullentsch Nutiket Wyskelenepe
Lodge Chief

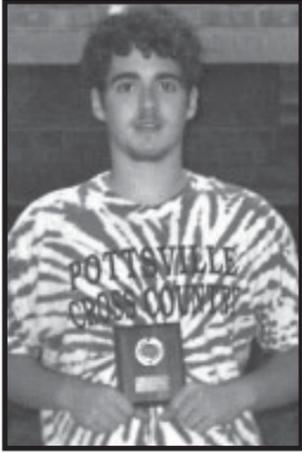


May Weekend Family Picnic

Awards Presented at Family Picnic

Awards were presented to fellow brothers of our lodge during the Family Picnic. These awards were presented to brothers who showed outstanding dedication to the lodge and scouting in general. The awards presented were Camp Service, Founders, Spirit, and Appreciation Awards.

Alex Hafer and Dave Fisher were the recipients of the Camp Service Award. Mike Miller and Susan Zierle were the recipients of the Founders Award. Dave McKeown and Bill Zierle were the recipients of the Spirit award. To show our Appreciation for all the hard work that Mike Miller and Dick Kepler have done for our great lodge they received an Appreciation award.



Youth Camp Service Award - Alex Hafer



Youth Founders Award - Mike Miller
Adult Founders Award - Susan Zierle

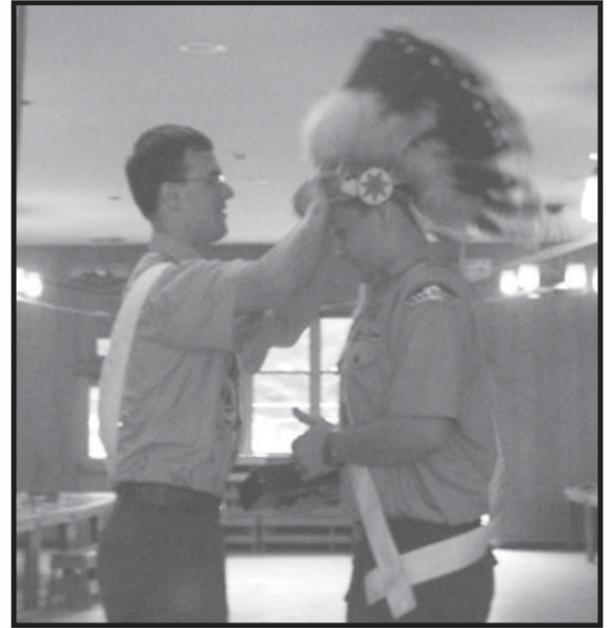
Not pictured:
Adult Camp service Award - Dave Fisher



Youth Spirit Award - Dave McKeown
Adult Spirit Award - Bill Zierle



Appreciation Award - Mike Miller
Appreciation Award - Dick Kepler



Passing of the bonnet—For the installation of officers this year, the Chief's bonnet was presented to Bob Cook by Mike Miller.

Memorabilia Displayed

Joanna Hafer
Ordeal Member

Mike Barner and Greg Hafer brought out their memorabilia collections for the OA Picnic. They showed off the history of the lodge and scout camps through neckerchiefs, flaps and camp patches.

The history of our present Kittatiny Lodge can be traced through lodge flaps and neckerchiefs of the pre-merger lodges Memeu and Minsi. Some of the memorabilia dates back to the early 1900's and is very rarely seen. Mike Barner's collection
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Kittatiny's First Annual OA Picnic

Joanna Hafer
Ordeal Member

Sunday June 8, 2003 was the first annual OA Picnic at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. Eighty-one people were in attendance and the weather held for outdoor events.

There were a variety of activities planned for the day including the dedication of the new totem pole carved by Dave Fisher and placed at the Indian Village. A job well done and a great addition to camp.

We also had a walking tour of camp guided by Mike Miller for all parents who had never had the opportunity to see just what the "Kitty Room" really is and where in the world "The Circle" is and what it looks like.

We had a competitive game of volleyball in front of the dining hall despite the mud and the volleyball's tendency to head towards it at every opportunity.

There were games of cards and chess set up in the Dining Hall for anyone interested.

Mike Barner and Greg Hafer once again brought out their memorabilia collections for all to see.

There were Award presentations held before a delicious dinner in the dining hall before the day broke up and everyone headed for home. It was a very full and fun filled day for all.

The making of a Totem Pole

Dave Fisher
Brotherhood Honor

Camp now has a second Totem Pole in the Indian Village. It was set in place Friday May 30 and dedicated at the Lodge Picnic on June 8.

The idea of doing a new Totem Pole for camp came in the summer of 2000 when I was at summer camp. I was down at the Indian Village with some of the younger scouts from our troop and we were looking at the Totem Pole. I mentioned to the boys that I had carved one when I was in high school. The conversation continued for a while and I found myself intrigued with the idea of carving one for camp.

Over the next couple of months I gave some thought to the content of the pole. Since it should tell a story or relay history. I chose to incorporate some of the basic history of OA Lodge V.

The bottom figure is holding a staff with the Indian Dale Bison. (The original Lodge totem and name.)

The second figure is also holding a staff with the Minsi Wolf and the merger of Minsi Lodge and Memeu Lodge is depicted in its headpiece.

The third figure is an Indian style rendition of Herbie Hawk. He is holding an OA arrow, which points up to the headpiece of the pole.

The pole is topped off with our Kittatiny Wolf with an arrow passing through.

A pressure treated utility pole was used to carve



New Totem—Starting off the family picnic, Roger Mory and Mike Miller, present the new Totem Pole to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation.

the Totem Pole. It was very hard carving and kept me honing my chisels more often than I would have liked. The project took over eighty hours to complete. The end result should hopefully serve the Lodge for many years to come.

Looking back it was an interesting project. I would like to thank all of the Lodge Brothers who helped to dig the hole and set it in place. Maybe in the future I will carve one for the OA circle with the remaining section of the utility pole.

May Weekend Fun and Fellowship

I recently joined the OA as an Ordeal member, like most people I was stunned by the rich and intricately detailed ceremonies, and the sense of actually being accepted into a brotherhood atmosphere. But let me start at the beginning, like all stories should, and tell you how I came upon this conclusion.

It was a very rainy Friday, all the way up from Boyertown it poured, I felt anxious about joining the OA, and felt honored in a way. When my dad finally parked in the parking lot, I changed into boots, put my sneakers into my back pack and set off for the Cub Scout Dinning Hall by way of the road. I walked through the mud and up the hill until finally I reached my destination. I had just made it in time! They also said that we were under a vow of silence. I searched for a spot to sit down in the crowded dinning hall, but found none, until I saw a little corner, near the back of the Hall.

A man appeared from the dinning hall and welcomed us to the May Weekend and congratulated us for being elected to come to the Ordeal. Then he said that because of the rain (it had been pouring hard all Friday) that we wouldn't have to build a campfire tonight. He then said that for the past two years it had rained (well, at least the grass got something to drink...) on the Ordeal weekends and he was hoping it wasn't going to rain on the September Weekend. He then had us line up in a straight line, and divided us into two

groups by height. I was towards the back and was in the second group, so I waited, with other candidates until he came back, and then we set off for a pavilion where they had some candles going, they had us all surround the pavilion, and we watched as four Native Americans told us things about the Order of the Arrow, and then when the ceremony was over we were led to another pavilion where we all slept under, I kept waking up almost every two hours on the button. The next morning I packed my gear quickly and helped move the picnic tables back into the pavilion. We went back to the Cub Dinning Hall, not too far away giving me an idea of about where we had slept. We then hiked to the Boy Scout Dinning Hall where we were picked to do jobs; I was picked to help put bunks in the tents. That morning we did eight campsites, more than anyone had done before, said the guy who picked us. All morning long, I didn't once crave food, so that meant either I wasn't hungry or my stomach was shrinking... which I need to happen. We had a modest lunch, and then we went back to work, and we had finally finished the camp by three, so I had 'free time' so I walked down to the Cub Scout Dinning Hall where we were told we could sleep wherever we wanted that night, in a campsite, or in the Cub Scout Dinning Hall. I took my stuff out of there and chose to sleep in Cacoosing, with a friend I had met in an Orchestra I was in. I changed into my class a uniform, he tried to sleep, as late as possible in his sleeping bag, and I didn't blame him, although I

wouldn't have put it past him to potato sack his way to the dinning hall in it. All Ordeal Candidates met up at the Cub Dinning Hall to walk down to the Boy Scout Dinning Hall. When we got to the dinning hall, we enjoyed a meal of chicken parmesan, spaghetti, breadsticks (a popular thing at our table), salad, and most likely undoing all the good that I had done for myself throughout the whole day. We, the ordeal candidates, then waited as the ceremony people went and got everything ready. Then we were led out to the site, that's shaped in an arrow, the one word WOW going through my mind thinking of how much work most likely had to be done to maintain its shape. And there our ceremony began, and I was accepted into the Order of the Arrow. The aura that came off of that ceremony, made me feel as though I was joining something bigger than myself, a fellowship of many people, and the fun they can have when they get together, believe me as soon as it was over most of them started chanting "Toga! Toga! Toga!" since there was a Roman theme cracker barrel after the ceremony. And I felt as though it were only the beginning of something big... very big...

The Next morning I packed up quickly again, and I tried to wake my friend, but like the previous day he would not budge until the last minute. Both of us started down for the Boy Scout Dinning Hall when some other friends of his, from his troop, showed up, no others from my troop had attended that particular weekend. They told us of their, 'adventure' in the Cub Scout Dinning Hall, and how

Kittatinny's Mike Miller Elected Section Chief

It started with rain, thunder, and lightening, but it was sunny in many ways when everyone headed for home from the Section NE-4A Conclave at Camp Horseshoe held on June 13-15. Members got to see Chester County Council's Camp Horseshoe, hosted by Octoraro Lodge 22.

The weekend started with fellowship and food: pit beef, pop corn, and ice cream, followed by an opening welcome from Section Chief Ed Clifford.

Saturday morning was packed full of activities as Arrowmen first attended an early rededication ceremony specific to their honor, followed by training sessions like Lodge operations, ceremonies, beadwork, and OA Public Relations. Josh Abramowicz and Alex Hafer taught sessions on Brotherhood and Ceremonies.

The afternoon began with a camping expo, followed by ceremonies and dance competitions as well as volleyball, floor hockey, horseshoes and kayaking. Despite the dampness, everyone had

smiles on their faces as they enjoyed the day. The evening included a moving pageant recounting the diverse history of the property now used by Camp Horseshoe from colonial times through the present. This as followed by a candlelight procession and a rededication of members to our purpose in the Order. Later, a cracker barrel, a Pow Wow, a patch auction that ran until 2am, and a Vigil social were held.

Sunday focused on the business of the Section as delegates voted in new officers. In a very close vote, Kittatinny's Lodge Chief, Mike Miller, was elected the new Section Chief of NE-4A. Others elected included Section Vice Chief (Adam Heapst - Wunita Gokhos Lodge 39) and Section Secretary (Chris Lahr - Wyona Lodge 18). Outgoing Section Chief Ed Clifford placed the Section Chief's bonnet on Mike and he was then sworn into office by Section Adviser Barry Leister (Kittatinny 5).

Right: Section Adviser Barry Leister (l) with newly elected Section Chief Mike Miller (r).



Memorabilia

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is one of the most complete collections showing the history of the lodge. His would be a good collection to view for new members and new patch collectors. Mike can show what their collection is missing and what they could look for to add to their own collections. He is very knowledgeable in the Kittatinny Lodge and is willing to share his knowledge with anyone showing any interest.

Greg Hafer's collection includes some of his father and brother's patch jackets dating back to the early 1950's as well as an extensive neckerchief collection. You can find the two of them showing and trading patches in the dining hall on many OA weekends.

They still enjoy trading patches and are always willing to look at what others bring in for trading or to answer any questions someone might have. Their collections are mainly to keep the history of our camp and lodge alive.

If you have any questions, please do not be afraid to ask. They love talking about the history of our lodge and camp and they can usually answer almost anything thrown their way.

Publications Chairman Moves Forward

For the last two years I have taken on the task of creating a great news letter that is delivered to each one of you faithfully bimonthly. It's been so much fun and also so very difficult.

Being publications Chairman has taught me so many different things but the biggest thing of all it has taught me would be, dedication. I knew from

the beginning I knew I had to put my heart into it, and I believed I have. This would not have been possible without of the help of all of you. Thank you all so much for the experience.

I now get to move on and take on the duty of Secretary. I can't wait to start my new job and continue to serve this great lodge.

From the 1st Vice Chief

This will be my last article as Vice Chief. My thanks go out to all my committee chairman. They have worked so hard this year and have come up with so many new, wonderful, and innovative ideas. Gentleman, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Over the past year I was placed under the best Lodge chief that I've seen in a long time—Mike thanks for bringing our lodge back to life. Each member of our lodge who knows how things were before, would claim that you've taken Kittatinny 5 to new level. It is my sincere hope that our lodge will continue on the trail you have blazed for it—onward and upward.

Brothers, let us not lose our momentum! Let us keep the pace we have set for ourselves! Our lodge

has become one of the greatest in our section...let's keep it that way. Bring your ideas to the new officers and chairman...if there is something you'd like to see happen or something you think would be fun, tell them what it is.

Let us also continue on the path of servant leadership. Remember:

"For he who serves his fellows, is of his fellows-greatest.

It has been an honor serving as your Vice Chief. Thank you...good luck....and god speed.

Josh Abramowicz
1st Vice Chief
Woapalanne Achgegim Awelemukunees

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May Weekend Fun and Fellowship

some of new Ordeal Members there had regressed in age, mentally of course.

At this point in the trip I was glad that I chose to sleep in the cold, freezing tent, where I could actually get some comfortable sleep, rather than the warm, comforting Dinning Hall, which my friend's friend said that he couldn't sleep a wink in. We

held our meeting at the Boy Scout Dinning Hall, and after words had Clan meetings, and I had signed up to be apart of the Wild Potatoes Clan, and by the time I left I had been elected Chieftain of it. That alone, overwhelmed me to some point, and yes as I walked back and talked to my friend, now voted Vice Chieftain of it, in case I can't attend certain things.

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But still, the feelings of good fun, which most likely the Cub Scout Dinning Hall people had been having, and fellowship, still remain with me today.

Charlie Andrews
Wild Potatoes Clan Chieftain

Sept 26-28 - OA Weekend Registration

Please print clearly. Dues must be paid up to register. Use one form for each member registering. Additional forms may be obtained at the council office or on the Kittatinny web site.

FULL NAME:	
LODGE MEMBER #:	
PHONE #: ()	
Check if appropriate: Food Allergies ___ Special Dietary Needs ___ Explain:	
Choose the appropriate weekend fee.	
LATE FEE (Received After Sep 15)	\$20.00
REGULAR FEE (Received Before Sep 15)	\$15.00
Partial FEE - 2 meals (Received Before Sep 15)	\$10.00
<i>Ordeal members with 10 months in the lodge are eligible for Brotherhood review. Add the Brotherhood fee if taking Brotherhood on this weekend.</i>	
Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee	\$14.00
TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED	

Mail this form and letter of recommendation to:
Attn: Kittatinny Lodge 5 - Sept Weekend
Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

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Reserve your spot now for attending the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) to be held July 31-Aug 5, 2004 at the University of Iowa. Kittatinny will be flying to the event, and the estimated cost of the trip will be about \$1,000.00. A deposit of \$100.00 is required to hold your spot.

NOAC is a week-long experience full of training, fun, fellowship, sure to inspire you and raise your awareness of what the OA offers and how it can serve both you and Scouting. It is a jamboree-like event for Arrowmen only, and you will live on a major college campus and have full access to many of the facilities there to help you have the time of your life.

FULL NAME:
LODGE MEMBER #:
PHONE #: ()

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