



WOLF'S TALE

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



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LODGE CALENDAR

September 13

LLDC Day

September 19-21

Wood Badge Weekend 1

September 26-28

September OA Weekend

October 3-5

Wood Badge Weekend 2

October 11

Tiger Day

October 17-19

Council Camporee at H.M.S.R.

November 8

Brotherhood Day

November 8-7

Vigil Weekend

July 31 - Aug 5 2004

Noac

From the Lodge Advisor

Roger Mory

Lodge Advisor

Yes it's back to school time again but it's also time to get your unit on track for the year.. The Sept. weekend is the perfect opportunity to get some new ideas or just swap some old ones. Make sure you get your registration in NOW! Speaking of registration. Is your unit registered for the October Council Camporee? Don't miss this opportunity to see a really great event. As arrowmen it is your responsibility to make sure the joys and experiences of camping are passed on to the younger scouts in the unit. A camporee is the perfect place for this to happen. You may want to sign up to be an OA helper at the camporee - see details at the Sept. weekend or contact one of the officers. Helping your unit prepare will also help you earn the OA participation award! You wouldn't want to miss out on this beauty! The multipart award requirements can be viewed on the web site so check it out & get started A.S.A.P. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the All American September OA weekend so get those reservations in now!

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Photo Courtesy: Glenn Piper

NOAC 2002 - Pictured above is the 2002 Kittatinny V NOAC contingent . These lodge members spent the week at Bloomington, Indiana, participating in many different activities. Everyone in the picture can tell you how much fun they had that it was a great trip and that they would love to go again. So watch out and get ready for the the next NOAC, which will take place in 2004! Look out for the NEW NOAC forms to be printed in Wolf's Tale.

NOAC 2004

By Steve Phillips

Hey everyone, its that time of the year again. NO, not my birthday, it is that time that we start hawking the NOAC spots. NOAC is a special place where Order members can frolic in wild orchards while also becoming one with nature. Sorry I just lied.

NOAC is the national conference of the Order where we basically travel long distances and have a blast. There is everything at NOAC. There are games, ceremonies, dance competitions, college chicks, patch trading, and everything else you could ever want. (OK maybe the college chick to Boy Scout ratio isn't that great but there still is some and they will talk to you if you're hanging around CVS at midnight in a superhero costume. HINT HINT)

This year NOAC will be held in the great state of Iowa (yeah) which has brought us such great things as corn and slipknot and... um well that's about it. Though in all seriousness, out of all the NOAC's that I have been to, (3 is a lot) Iowa has

been the best. It is situated in the great town of "the middle of nowhere" at the Iowa State University. The university is really a great campus and I know from experience that if you stand in the lobby of the dorms for no more than ten minutes there will be a pizza guy there looking for someone who isn't there right now and will sell you the pizza. Trust me.

In all seriousness the up and coming NOAC will be one heck of a good time. It will be well worth going. Believe me considering it will be my fourth. There is tons of stuff to do and tons of reasons to go. Just ask someone who went already. They won't lie to you. Well unless they are trying to make sure that they have a spot and you won't steal it.

So sign up already, quit being such a square. You will like it and you will want to go again. That is if you get a spot because they are going quick. So sign up now!



The Chiefs Corner

Hey everyone, and welcome to the 2003-2004 term of Kittatinny Lodge 5! The lodge is organized, enthusiastic, and ready to tackle this term with everything it has in order to make it one of the best seasons of all times. Are you ready?

Well, I guess this is my first official article as your chief. It took me a while to decide what I wanted to write about; whether it be lodge history, current goals, past accomplishments, or anything else one could think of. But finally, after deciding on what I thought was the most important issue in our lodge, I decided on writing about communication. Communication is essential for everyone: officers, chairmen, advisors, general lodge population... EVERYONE. Without it, you get ceremonies with no Indian principals, membership cards with no names, crackerbarrels with no food, and lodge

officers with no job..... hehe. We all need to make sure to keep each other informed on what we are doing, plan to do, and what to do. That will ensure our success as organized youth leaders, committees, and a lodge.

So with all that said, give me a call! I want to hear your thoughts on the lodge and it's events. And remember, you don't have to hold a leadership position to try to get something done: a 2 month ordeal member has the same pull as a 4 year vigil when it comes to getting ideas thrown around at a lodge executive meeting. So don't be shy!

With all that said, I am truly happy to be your chief this year, and with your help, I'm going to do my best to make this year rock. I look forward to seeing all of you at the September weekend, and look forward to serving as your youth leader in any way. Lets make this happen!

Yours in Service,
Bobby Cook
Kittatinny 5 Lodge Chief

Circle Report

The circle committee is pleased to report that we have successfully installed a new row of benches into the circle over the summer. This new improvement will be the first of many new benches to come in the not too distant future. We are currently looking for any arrowmen who are willing to work with us at the circle during our service weekends, everyone is welcome!

We are hoping to increase the capacity of our ceremonial circle for the next time our lodge hosts conclave by as much as possible. Also coming soon will be a new (or at least improved) fire pit, So we will be needing people to help us with these projects as well as maintenance of the circle. I would like to thank everyone who works at the circle with my advisor and myself, without you, the circle would simply fall apart. Hope to see you in September!

Yours in Service
Bryan Hess
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From the Secretary

For the last several months I've been sitting around trying to figure out what exactly I was suppose to do as secretary. I really wasn't sure, but I've come to the conclusion that I'm suppose to keep the history of our great lodge. Now many people may not realize how important that really is, but I do. The history is what you all will be remembered for. After realizing this I quickly began to think how this information; or history; was being displayed or stored. I soon realized that I see the minutes. At the executive meeting and then I forget about them. After that meeting no one will ever see them again, and well that's not right. So as secretary of Kittatinny lodge 5 I promise, and hope to have all the minutes. Available to the public through the wonderful world of the internet. With a couple clicks of the mouse; just as you can get "Wolf's Tale" off the net you'll be able to access the lodge minutes.

Yours in Service
David McKeown
Secretary

Information/ from Activites

Hello again my fellow brothers! I'd just like to send out a friendly greeting from your local activities chairman. Our games and activities are to be planned out in the next few months, but things are looking exciting.

This OA coming weekend is going to have a Super Hero Theme! I can hardly contain my anticipation for the weekend, due to my awaited costume. I highly hope to see everyone dressed as there favorite superhero, (or just your hero). Once again, prizes will be awarded for the most original, craziest and most accurate costumes.

So tell your friends, tell your friends friends! We'll also be having an "All American" dinner! So come on up to Hawk mountain Scout Reservation for another action-packed weekend!

Yours In Brotherhood,
Ben Trump
Alan Budgeon
Activities Chairmen
(A.K.A. "The Legion of Doom")

Wolf's Tale 101

Have you ever wondered how Wolf's Tale was published? Have you ever wondered where the great stories come from? Would you like to know how you could become one of the great writers? Well the wondering is over. Wolf's Tale is a bimonthly newsletter that is published by the lodge members for the lodge members. That's right I said BY the lodge members. That means that if you're a member of Kittatinny lodge 5 you can write for Wolf's Tale. No if and or buts about it, you can write for us.

Why have something published in Wolf's Tale you ask your self? Well it's simple, look at the facts; everyone in the lodge will receive a copy of it, you'll be able to get your opinion out, and it's FUN. Who ever said that writing had to be dull and tedious? NO one did. Okay now that we figured out, why should we all write for Wolf's Tale? Let's look at the steps that you have to take to get something published. It's REALLY easy, and there only three steps.

1.) The first and most important step is to think of a topic to write about. Now I know what you're thinking, I'm only a new Ordeal member, what could I write about? Well that's easy, write about your experience of becoming a Ordeal member.

2.) The second step is to begin to write your story. Now once again you're thinking that it's going to be hard. Well that's wrong. What you write should be fun and interesting, so think outside the box when composing your story. Once you begin to write your story, it all just flows off the tips of your fingers. Let your fingers do the work.

3.) Now, do a quick self edit of your creation. Check spelling, grammar, sentence structure, blah, blah, blah, etc. Make sure you story sounds fantastic!

4.) The fourth and final step is to send it to me, Mike Rajchel the publications committee chairman. You may e-mail it to me at wolfstale@kittatinny5.org, or you may use the US Mail A.K.A. pony express. My mailing address is on the back of the Wolf's Tale.

The publications committee would like to thank everyone that has ever written for us in this issue and all other issues in the past. Without your help, devotion and care this would not be possible, and I hope that others begin to show there creative side and express themselves. This is your Wolf's Tale.

Mike Rajchel
Publications Chairman

FROM FLOW...

It's been a long, wet summer at my wolf's den at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. After all this rain, I'm hoping for a dry, sunny autumn. Fortunately, the summer wasn't all clouds and rain. Instead, many Order of the Arrow members brightened the summer with their service on the Hawk Mountain camp staff. Their spirit and enthusiasm was experienced in every program area at camp and I offer a howl in recognition of their service.

Now that the summer camping season is over, YOUR help is needed at the September OA weekend. Plan to attend so that we can get my home (i.e., your camp) safely prepared for the approaching winter. Also, plan to attend for the great fellowship opportunities being planned by your new officers and the Activities committee. I've heard there is a superhero theme being planned. I am looking forward to it!

I'll be there (dressed as the Wolfman?). Will you?

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That's right you can have your story published right here
in the next issue. Just send articles to me Mike Rajchel
Publications Chairman. Article deadline Sept. 17 2003

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Beads, Beads, Beads

Beads - they come in assorted colors and are handed out different OA events of merit. The purpose of the service bead system is to "Recognize those members that demonstrate a willingness to service in the activities and principles of the Lodge" as stated in the Lodge By-Laws. You can be a proud owner of beads by simply attending Order of the Arrow functions, such as Ordeal weekends and Quarterly Executive Meetings. By attending these events you don't just get the wonderful feeling of satisfaction of helping out, but you also earn a bead! Active members of the lodge can accumulate beads very fast. For every OA event you attend, you earn one bead!

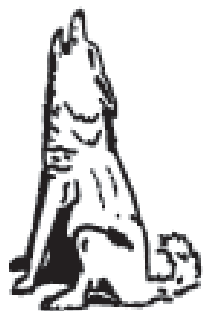
Below is a handy dandy list that you can refer to everytime you attend an OA activity. For every OA activity you attend, you get one red bead. Afterwards, for every three Red beads you earn, you receive a Yellow bead in exchange for the three Red beads.

- 3 Red beads gets you
1 Yellow bead
- 3 Yellow beads gets you
1 Brown bead
- 2 Brown beads gets you
1 Green bead
- 2 Green beads gets you
1 Black bead
- 2 Black beads gets you
1 White bead

As you attend more and OA events, the more beads you receive. It's sorta the OA's gift back to you. You dedicate your time in exchange for recognition, the beads.

Beads are to be worn from a leather thong suspended from the right pocket. Members provide their own leather thong to place beads on. If you learn one thing today, it better have been about the bead system!

Eric Rajchel
Brotherhood Member.





CONCLAVE 2003 - Pictured to the left is the 2003 Kittatinny V Conclave contingent at at Boonesboro campsite at Chester County Council's Camp Horseshoe. Everyone can tell you how much fun it was and that it was a great trip. Watch out and get ready for the the next Conclave, which will take place in 2004! Look out for the Conclave forms to be printed in future Wolf's Tale.

Photo Courtesy: Glenn Piper

Jumpstart Your Lodge Inductions

By Riley Berg, 2002 National Vice Chief

One of the most important, yet commonly neglected, parts of the induction sequence is orienting our new members to the Order of the Arrow. After a weekend-long experience, how likely is it that Arrowmen will become active and seal their membership in Brotherhood if they have little or no idea what our organization stands for beyond scant food, hard work, and silence? With the realization that the lack of an effective new member orientation might be a cause of low membership retention and Brotherhood conversion rates across the nation, it was decided to offer a resource that would help lodges confront these issues.

On January 1, 2003, the "Jumpstart for New Arrowmen" area of the National Order of the Arrow Web Site was launched, and later that month the brand new *Lodge Orientation Guide* was distributed to councils around the nation and posted on the National Order of the Arrow Web Site.

At the National Planning Meeting in December 2002, National Order of the Arrow Chairman Brad Haddock asserted that a lodge's use of the *Lodge Orientation Guide*, and a new member's use of the interactive web site were among the National OA Committee's top priorities. "The introduction and use of the Jumpstart

Resource is a critical priority for 2003 because we want to assure each new member appreciates the importance of service to others and provide assistance to the lodge in achieving a high Brotherhood conversion rate as a result," said Haddock.



The Jumpstart Resource comes in two parts: the orientation guide for lodges and the interactive website for new Arrowmen. The *Lodge Orientation Guide*, which is available on this web site, provides everything youth leaders need to perform a meaningful orientation. The orientation is split into 6 parts, and takes

approximately one hour to complete. The newly inducted members will then leave their Ordeal having all of the information they will need to be successful in our organization. The guide also provides bookmarks for lodges to place in each handbook, directing new Arrowmen to continue their orientation at home on the web.

"The *Lodge Orientation Guide* is an important step for us, because it helps lodges focus on the sixth point of the induction sequence, the 'New Member Orientation'," said Rich Moore, the 2003 National Vice Chief. "Lodges need to put as much effort into having an effective new member orientation as they would a Pre-Ordeal or Ordeal Ceremony."

Perhaps the most exciting part of Jumpstart is the new interactive *JumpStart* area of the National Order of the Arrow Website. Here, new members can get a taste of the Order's rich history, learn of the opportunities available to them, and study the requirements for sealing their membership. "It's an innovative, technology-based way to explain the purpose and high ideals of the Order of the Arrow, and to assist the new Arrowman in understanding and meeting the challenges of Brotherhood," said Haddock. "I wish something like this had been available when I was inducted."

Brotherhood Day Registration Form Kittatinny Lodge Member Registration Form NOVEMBER 8, 2003

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 recieved in office on or before indicated date. Additional forms may be obtained at the council office or the Kittatinny website (www.kittatinny5.org). Thank you.

FEES: [] \$ 5.00 - includes Saturday Evening Meal
 [] \$ 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

YEAR 2004 DUES - KITTATINNY LODGE 5

This form is to be used only if you currently have dues paid for the year 2003 and are registered with the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA. If your dues expired before 2003, please fill out a reinstatement form.

FULL NAME	_____		
LODGE MEMBER #	_____		
PHONE #	() _____		
REGISTERED AS:	<input type="checkbox"/> Scout	<input type="checkbox"/> Scouter	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Explorer	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Member	
DISTRICT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian	<input type="checkbox"/> Broad Mountain	<input type="checkbox"/> Cacoosing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Boone	<input type="checkbox"/> Frontier	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Run
UNIT:	POSITION:		
SIGNATURE:	_____		
	2004 DUES - PAID AFTER JAN 1, 2004	\$10.50	
	2004 DUES - PAID BEFORE JAN 1, 2004	\$7.50	
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		

Mail fee, envelope, and completed form to:
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If you have the internet, you can go to www.kittatinny5.org and submit a letter or article of interest to the publications committee, electronically.

The deadline for contributions for the **Nov/Dec** issue is **September 17**, and can be mailed to:

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September 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 September 16)	\$20.00
REGULAR FEE (Received Before September 16)	\$15.00
Partial FEE - 2 meals (Received Before Sept. 16)	\$10.00

Ordeal members with 10 months in the lodge are eligible for Brotherhood review. Add the Brotherhood fee if taking Brotherhood on this weekend.

Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee \$14.00

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED

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

LLDC Day Registration Kittatinny Lodge Member Registration September 13 12pm - 5pm

Registration Is Free

There will also be a free Lunch available at LLDC Day

Please contact Roger Mory at (610) 944-9390 by September 6th to sign up and to reserve you spot.