



WOLF'S TALE

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From the Lodge Adviser

Roger Mory
Lodge Adviser

As another OA weekend comes to an end, it is time for a little reflection. Have you ever wondered what would happen if you: listed a wrong date, failed to check if someone has a job covered, or just needed to be sure everything was set to go.

Well it is not unusual for any of these things to happen but we have a 21st century cure. The Internet! I can not stress enough the importance of our web site - www.kittatinny5.org - and the importance of the e-news alerts.

They give us the opportunity to make the weekend or any event the best it can be. So what should every OA brother be doing?

1. If you have not checked www.kittatinny5.org you should do so ASAP. Then take some time to browse and see just how much information - history, calendar, forms, and links - is on the site.

2. Take a second and click on the e-news registration - the web masters will appreciate the time it saves them - and you will be constantly updated on what's happening. Never miss an event or be late ever again!

3. Take a minute or two to drop a line to the publication guys, anyone can submit a story to the Wolf's Tale! We want you to be a published author. Any story concerning the OA - weekend happening, troop event, conclave, camporee would make interesting reading for your brothers.

4. Check out the links to other OA sites and compare them to our site. You will not believe the amount of information available at your fingertips.

5. Drop a line to one of your officers with the click of a key. Let them know what you think. As we move into the electronic age, Kittatinny 5 is out there on the forefront. We can make our lodge even better if we all get behind this new form of communication. In the words of this new electronic generation - "Reach out and touch someone"

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW!

Yours in Brotherhood
Roger Mory
Lodge Adviser

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September OA Weekend, Cheerful Service - Brotherhood members Ian Fitzpatrick and Patrick Medley participate in afternoon Cheerful Service at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. OA Members took part in service at the OA weekend to help prepare camp for the upcoming winter months.

Order of the Arrow Questions & Answers

Q: Why do I have to pay dues?

A: Most organizations require some type of annual payment from its members. The Lodge uses the dues payment to pay national OA dues, for awards, training events, committee budgets and general lodge operating expenses. The OA Lodge is a self-sustaining part of the Hawk Mountain Council.

Q: What is the cost of Lodge dues?

A: Lodge dues are paid based on a on a calendar year January 1st to December 31 and cost \$7.50. Pre-registered members at the September or November weekends are charged \$7.00 since they are picking up their card immediately.

Q: Can I wear the Lodge flap if my dues are not paid?

A: members in the OA wear The Lodge flap. If you do not have your dues paid for the current year, then you are not a member. It would be the same thing as a scout wearing an eagle badge who was not an eagle scout.

Q: Why must I use an ID # on forms?

A: The ID # identifies you uniquely in the lodge database. It also is quicker to enter a 4-digit number when crediting dues, weekend registration, etc.

Q: Where can I find my ID #?

A: Your unique ID # is printed on your dues card on the line marked 'Lodge No.'. It is also printed on the label of Herbie Hawk if you are under 18.



The Chiefs Corner

Dear Brothers,

Summer has passed, school has started, the temperature is dropping, and winter is on the way. Did you make the best out of you summer? I hope you did. You only live once!!

Looking back on the September weekend, I am very excited with the way things went. September is always a rocky weekend with the new officers and committee chairmen taking their new positions, but together we pulled through, and had one of the best September service weekends in a long time. Thanks everyone!

So, were you at the September service weekend? If not, why? The OA is about your obligation to your lodge and fellow brothers. Make every effort you can to come to all lodge functions, and solidify your bonds of brotherhood with each other. Coming together and becoming a family is

what has kept Kittatinny 5 on top for the past 14 years, and it is the only thing that can keep us there. Even if you don't know it, you are all very fortunate to be a part of one of the most successful lodges in all of America, and you need to take advantage of this. Kittatinny 5 is a respected powerhouse on a national level, and we want to keep it that way, so we need you! Growing up in the lodge for the past 7 years, I look around and see that most of officers and chairmen are all around my age, and that's not good. We need strong young leaders to step up to the plate and take charge of our lodge, so when the time comes for us older guys to age out, we have a solid group of trained individuals to lead the lodge even further into the future. Do you want to be one of those leaders? That's a choice only you can make. It requires lots of work and dedication, but if you are willing, we are willing to make it happen. So make it happen!

Yours in Service
Bobby Cook
Chief

From the Secretary

So you've taken your ordeal, now what? Well it's time to get involved. All too often lodge members get there ordeal and then disappear. We don't know the reason but that seems to happen, but you know it doesn't have to happen to you. No it doesn't.

Do you know our lodge has a giant array of committees that you can get involved in? That's right. I'm sure you'll be able to find something that will suit you just right. Look on the back of this Wolf's Tale for the list of all the committees and there chairman. Contact one of them for information on getting involved.

If you're not sure there's anything that would interest you, why not try something new then. This is a great way to get to know people and have fun while doing it.

This is your lodge and it's only as good as you make it. So make it the best and get involved.

Yours in Service
David McKeown
Secretary

Circle Report

Greetings Brothers!

Well, the September weekend was not as successful as we had hoped due to equipment failure. However, this will not effect our plans for the circle as we are still working on adding more benches and renovating the fire pit.

We are planning to start expanding the circle in April by digging out the hill behind the seats in order to make room for more benches. This is all in an effort to make the circle big enough to hold the masses for the next Kittatinny hosted Conclave in two years. This will be a challenge but with enough help, we can do it!

I'd like to thank everyone that came out to help in September and I invite any arrowman that wants to try something different for their cheerful service to come back to the circle. We work hard (usually), but we have fun doing it! All in all, there will be some noticeable change in the size of the circle by the time we're done. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Service,
Bryan Hess
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I took my Ordeal this year.... Now What??

This is your first year as a member of Kittatinny Lodge 5. You have just taken your Ordeal in 2003, and are trying to figure out what it all means. Why were you chosen among the members of your troop to become a member of this organization? Why did you have to take an Ordeal? What are the admission, obligation, and sign of the ordeal membership? This one question may also cross your mind. That question being, "What do I have to do now?" Well there are many different answers to your many questions.

First, the members of your troop elected you, because they saw you as a person who "thought least of your own interest while working for the good of your fellow campers." The reasons for your ordeal are explained in your book. You should take time to review them, and try to understand the full idea of the induction process. The other three items can also be found in your handbook to help you on your way to brotherhood.

So now that I have gotten through all the easy questions, there's one more that crosses the minds of all new members. That is "Now what do I **have** to do?" Well, to tell you the truth, nothing. You don't have to do a thing, but you'll be missing out on once in a lifetime opportunities if you choose not to continue in the OA. Granted it's not for everyone, but you should at least give it a chance. It's like trying a new food that your

parents pressured (or forced) you to eat. It doesn't look or taste to good at first, but is now your favorite menu item. The OA has so much to offer to make it one of your favorite scouting "menu" items. Taking your brotherhood is an option, and is strongly encouraged. There are other avenues you can take in the OA. One of those options may be to become an active member, and possibly set a goal of a leadership position. Believe me, it takes work, but is a lot of fun in the end. Another option is to serve the troop as an OA troop/team representative. If you have a chance, attempt to go to conclave or even NOAC. There are many different routes you can take. Chose the one that best fits you. Although you may become a person who is giving service to the OA, don't forget your troop. You were elected and recognized by them, to serve them as a honored camper. I hope that all new members will come see the OA from "the other side of the fence." Don't let the "first taste" (your ordeal) scare you away.

If you are interested on learning more about the OA check out the jumpstart program at <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>, or other sites linked through www.kittatinny5.org. You can also contact your lodge officers.

Yours in Service,
Mike Miller
Section NE-4A Chief

Service Completed at September Weekend

The September OA weekend rain held off until late in the evening, making Saturday a beautiful day for getting a lot of work done around camp in preparation for the winter months. There was plenty of cheerful service to go around as candidates and brothers set to work side-by-side to accomplish over 80% of the projects planned on the work list for the weekend.

Have you ever wondered what kinds of things need to happen around camp after the summer season is over? If so, here is a sampling of all the projects that were completed by OA members at the September weekend:

Tents in all the campsites were taken down, marked, and stored in the warehouse. All the cots were removed from tents and stored in campsites. Cots that needed to be repaired were taken to the warehouse for maintenance. Tent posts and canvas needing repair was also taken care of. If you didn't notice, the dam breast had a major face lift as brothers cleared both sides of a summer's worth of growth. The roof on the Cacoosing latrine

was replaced. The Indian village was cleared of debris. A new furnace was installed in Willits kitchen. Doors were installed at Reary pool. The roof on the ladies room of Reary showerhouse was completed. All showerhouses were cleaned. All mattresses from campsites were moved to lodges for use during winter camp. Weeds were sprayed around the spillway below the dam breast. Rocks were raked out of the drain area at Willits dining hall. Re-painting of the nature lodge was completed. Trees were cut on the dam breast as well as along the south side of the lake. The carpet was cleaned in the Kitty Room.

Many thanks to all our hard-working brothers who came out in September to accomplish all this work. Without your continued effort, our camp would not be in the fine shape it is in.

Glenn Piper

FROM FLOW...

The fall colors are brilliant outside the Wolf's Den at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation as I pen my last message of the year. The seasons surely do fly by quickly as we keep busy in our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service!

A resounding howl goes out to my brothers in the Vigil Honor who will keep their Vigil on November 1st. I trust the experience will warm your heart and strengthen your devotion to the lodge and service to others.

This old wolf had the pleasure of attending the September Ordeal weekend. The superhero cracker barrel was a lot of fun. It was my first opportunity to meet my counterparts from the city - Spiderman and Batman, namely. I was disappointed, however, to see that no one dressed up like me. After all, I'm the lodge superhero, right?

As the new year approaches, I encourage you to make a commitment to serve the lodge in a larger way next year. Only through many enthusiastic brothers helping to advance the lodge will we remain strong and successful. Show your officers and advisors your support by coming to the weekends, helping on committees, and attending lodge meetings. I'll be there... will you?

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The Order of the Arrow After High School Gifts and choices.

In life we have all received numerous gifts and we have made an almost innumerable number of choices; all of which help define who we are. We are in essence not a summation of our skills and our talents but rather the sum of our choices we make with the gifts we have. High School, for me at least, was certainly a gift as is the Order of the Arrow and I have been fortunate enough to be able to make the choice to go to college which is the focus for this article: the OA and post high school involvement.

Though I once held a national office in the OA I never once felt that I was ever better than the 12 year old Jordan who was inept at some of Scouting's skills (to this day I can hardly swim) and the Jordan who when he was 15 could not make a clear and concise decision: I was, by the grace God and friends, grounded in where I came from. There is a difference, however, between where

one comes from and where one is destined to be.

For the lucky ones amongst us, who are afforded the ability to learn at a collegiate level, there is a begging question of servant leadership that lingers: Have I done enough? My answer to that is, "You someday will. But today might not be your day you are being called. But trust me your gifts will be called upon by the world that needs citizens and leaders."

When I was on the stage at the 2002 NOAC receiving the (DSA) Distinguished Service Award (I never told anyone this) I was disappointed beyond belief. I never felt so hollow before in my entire life. I had hundreds of friends, even family members there shaking my hand and taking pictures with me but at that place and time I felt the most alone in my entire life I have even been.

I felt as though I received an award I never deserved. When I compared myself to others I saw there was no similarity in my service to theirs—I felt as though I was insignificant. Then someone pulled me aside and in an almost whispering tone and told me, "Think of this DSA a way of saying, 'You were chosen not for what you have done but for what you will do' (For those folks at home does this sound familiar?) 'Look to your friends in life and realize the gifts you have and the choices you have the chance to make. This DSA is on loan from your fellow scouters and you are to return it to them in every action and choice you make.'" So to you, who are contemplating leaving your high school or to attend college for that matter, fret not. You have been given the gift to make a multiplied impact on hundreds of thousands of persons in the future. It is, of course, your choice and a beautiful one at that if the answer is a choice for future service with the gifts you were given. (*Jordan Hitchens is a senior at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa. He can be reached at Jordan.hitchens@sju.edu or at (610) 660-1468.*)

The Dallas Experience

An inside look at the National Planning Meeting

Every year, Section Chiefs, members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, and some support staff gather in Dallas for the biggest OA planning event of the year. These top leaders from all over the country assemble for an intensive four-day session, known as the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting.

At the meeting, the Section Chiefs elect the new National Officers, plan for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (or other national program of emphasis), and organize the Order of the Arrow Program for the coming year. The meeting is led by youth, as are other Order of the Arrow events. "It's an event like none other," tells 2001 National Chief Don Cunningham. "The National Planning Meeting is an experience of a lifetime."

The majority of the section chiefs who attend the National Planning Meeting are there for the first time; about twenty percent have attended prior meetings. 2001 Central Region Chief Dominique Baker notes that every year is different. Dominique had attended the meeting before he was elected Region Chief. "Both times were very different. The different types of people make it a different kind of event."

The first order of business is to elect the new national leaders, starting with the new National Chief and National Vice Chief. After a welcoming dinner, the election commences. This goes on from about 8:00 PM to quite late, often 2:00 AM or 3:00 AM. "It's the changing of the guard," exclaims Don Cunningham. "It closes the last

chapter of a generation." The new National Chief immediately takes control of the National Planning Meeting. With this long night of creating history, everyone gets some rest at their hotel rooms, only to wake up at 7:00 AM the next morning.

The second day begins with a breakfast and then it is straight to business. Section Chiefs group by their home region to elect their Region Chief. This election is much shorter than electing the National Chief and National Vice Chief; it only takes about an hour. After the Region Chiefs are elected, they get 10 minutes to themselves and then hit the phones. "I had to call so many people; my parents, lodge adviser, Scoutmaster, and friends," tells Dominique Baker. "It's very overwhelming; you go from a Section Chief to a National Officer in a split-second."

Once the new National Officers are elected, a National Order of the Arrow Committee meeting takes place. This meeting consists of the National Chairman, OA Director, and the all of other members of the committee. The new National Officers are introduced, and then join the committee.

The Section Chiefs are then assigned to the various NOAC committees, according to their preferences. Later, the committees meet for the first time and elect a Conference Vice Chief who presides over the committee.

Later, The outgoing National Chief gives a final report along with the other past National officers. The past National Officers receive their final token of thanks (aside from an applause): the famous

black sweater. Next, the new officers are sworn in and business returns. Committees gather up and planning starts. "People just start spitting out ideas and voting on them. Eventually the bad ones are filtered out and the good stay on the drawing board," tells Dominique. The day ends with a dinner, and the food at the meeting is usually well received. Many specialties include the Texas BBQ Beef, Turkey, Pasta, and traditional pizza. Salad is said to be plentiful. Lots of good food for hungry leaders.

The next day begins with the job of planning the next NOAC. (On non-conference years, the planning focuses on the appropriate other national programs.) Creating the Conference theme is the first item of business. Everyone gets into one room and starts throwing ideas around. The bad ideas are voted out and the good ones stand. Eventually, a sound theme is voted on and the committees break off to begin their planning based on the newly chosen theme. Committees write, erase, think, and speak to plan for the future. After a hard day of planning and thinking, the committees present everyone with a closing report. The new national officers deliver their first report and challenge everyone for a strong future. The final day rolls by quickly with a continental breakfast and then departure for home.

The National Planning meeting is organized by the National Chief, OA Director, National Chairman, and Vice Chairman of National Events. The adults at the meeting pay their own way. Section Chiefs attend without charge, and their transportation is usually paid for by their section.

2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference University of Iowa

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: _____

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Mail this form and \$100.00 deposit to:

Attn: Kittatinny Lodge 5 - NOAC 2004

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This award may be earned each calendar year by any registered member of the lodge. A calendar year is defined as the period of time beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The requirements for the award are as follows: You must complete 4 of the following 6 items:

1. Attend 2 of the 3 OA Service Weekend and Quarterly Meetings.
 2. Attend a Lodge Executive Meeting, Brotherhood Day, or Section Conclave.
 3. Attend (or staff) a resident camp, or a national program such as Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).
 4. Attend at least 75% of your unit's regular meetings.
 5. Attend 2 unit campouts other than the extended camp in requirement #3.
 6. Teach a scout a new skill.
- After completing 4 of the 6 requirement above, complete the following
7. Speak to the Lodge Chief, adviser, or a Lodge Executive Committee member about what you have done and what you plan to do for your unit and for the O.A. In the future.

Forms for this award are available at <http://www.kittatinny5.org>

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All members are encouraged to contribute letters or articles of interest to the editor. Publication of contributed material is subject to the discretion of the editor and the adviser.

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 **Jan/Feb** issue is **November 17**, and can be mailed to:

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LODGE CALENDAR

November 1

Brotherhood Day

November 1-2

Vigil Weekend

July 31 - Aug 5 2004

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July 25 - Aug 3 2004

National Scout Jamboree
Fort A.P. Hill, VA

Guests OnCamp Property During OA Functions

The Order of the Arrow, otherwise known as Scouting's National Honor is a collective group of scouts and scouters who have exemplified themselves as people who have best lived the scout oath and law in there daily lives.

Along with this requirement are several others such as; being a first class scout who is registered in the BSA and who has completed 15 days and nights of camping, 7 of those which have been extended camping. Any females who are wishing to join the Order of the Arrow must be of the young age of 21 .

In the Order of the Arrow a youth member is a youth member until his 21st birthday. For these reasons that have been decided by National,

females are not allowed in the OA before their 21st birthday. In a polite but blunt manor, I would like to stress these rules to all members in our lodge but especially those who have brought guest to the most recent OA weekends.

If you are meeting a guest or girlfriend to go out on the evenings that is quite o k ... a s long as t h a t guest is

not here all day or at the cracker barrels Friday or Saturday night, especially without paying.

Many members including me occasionally go out on the town with non -OA members on OA weekends, but these guest do not enter any further than the parking lot.

On a more positive note, I would like to promote Brotherhood day on November 1st for all members of the OA not just Brotherhood members. I hope to see you all there!

If any member has any questions, comments, or concerns they may call me at any time to discuss this issue.

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Ryan Gebely
Vice Chief of Activities

