



WOLF'S TALE

THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5
HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL 528, BSA



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LODGE CALENDAR

2005

- January 30**
Lodge Executive Meeting
12:30pm - Council Office
- February 27**
Lodge Executive Meeting
1:00pm - Council Office
- April 3**
Lodge Executive Meeting
1:00pm - Kittatinny Room, HMSR
- Apr 22-24**
Ordeal Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- May xx-xx**
Ordeal Weekend
Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
- Jun 10-12**
2005 Section NE-4A Conclave
Camp Karoondinha
Hosted by Woapeu Sisilija Lodge,
Susquehanna Council

Important Executive Meeting All Are Encouraged To Attend

The Executive Committee will be meeting on January 31st, 2005 to discuss the By-law Revisions. This is an extremely important meeting for all lodge members, especially the youth. It is your lodge. All are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Changes to Lodge By-Laws Proposed

The Executive Committee will be reviewing proposed changes to the Lodge By-Laws at the January meeting. The last time the By-Laws were updated was in 1993. The proposed changes reflect new Lodge programs introduced as well as changes to better manage the day-to-day operations of the Lodge.

Members interested in commenting on the proposed By-Laws changes should attend the January 31st Executive meeting, or contact the lodge chief or Adviser.

If the proposed changes are approved by the Executive Committee they will be presented for vote by the general membership at an upcoming Quarterly Meeting.

For your convenience, we are listing only the proposed changes here. For a complete listing of the current By-Laws, visit kittatinny5.org and you will find them listed under the menu option for General Information.

Article IV - Paragraph B

Old: The Vigil Honor Committee Chairman shall be chosen by the Lodge Chief, with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.

New: The Vigil Honor Committee members and chairman shall be chosen by the Lodge Chief, with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.

Article V - Paragraph B

Old: Lodge Officers shall be elected at the May/June Lodge Meeting. The term of office shall be from August 1 to July 31.

New: Lodge Officers shall be elected at the May/June Lodge Meeting. The term of office shall commence and conclude at the conclusion of the current year's Conclave, after the Sunday Section Meeting.

Article V - Paragraph H

Old: In the event that the chief is unable to fulfill his duties, the succession of office is: (1) First Vice-Chief (2) Second Vice-Chief, with approval of the Executive Committee and the Lodge Adviser.

New: In the event that the chief is unable to fulfill his duties, the succession of office is: (1) Vice-Chief of Administration (2) Vice-Chief of Activities, with approval of the Executive Committee and the Lodge Adviser or If otherwise designated by the Lodge Chief prior to the event given the Lodge Advisor and Staff Advisor are notified along with the individual.

Article 9 - Paragraph C

Added: The lodge participation award is a 4-year award in which any brother may attain according to the requirements approved and available online and at the Council's Service Center.

Chief's Corner

Ryan Gebely
Tschwolentit Wewin
Lodge Chief

It's January now and it's snowing in Southern California.



Ryan Gebely

California, Pennsylvania that is. As I sit typing this article in front of my cozy dorm room fire place, sipping on a nice warm cup of hot coco I can only dream about April and May and how much fun and work we are going to do! September has come and gone and we are upon a new year of service, brotherhood, and cheerfulness.

Are you tired of making those hopeless New Year's resolutions about eating healthy every once and a while or to not play so much X-box or Play Station 2? Then make one that is worth the effort. Tell yourself...no promise yourself that your going to fulfill your commitment to the lodge this year and convert to brotherhood or make both spring service weekends. These resolutions are more like a New Year's rededication. So join me in this New Year's resolution and sign up for the up coming weekend especially if you missed the last one.....mmmmm pig roast.....you'll never be able to guess what we are doing for the next two!

So if you are looking for a good time, good food, and lots of fun then come on down (or up) to camp for all the fun and excitement that is to come!

*(Ryan can be reached at chief@kittatinny5.org
or by phone, listed in the lodge directory on the back page)*

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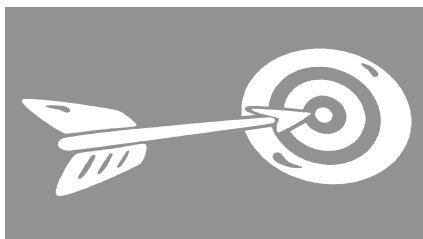
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CP&E

*Ryan Gebely
Tschwolentit Wewin
Lodge Chief*

As you know we have sent out election packets early this season in hopes to get every troop to have there election done earlier. If you have not contacted your district CP&E chairmen plus do this as soon as possible so that your troop may hold elections.

If you have any questions, comments, or complaints you can reach me through my email at chief@kittatinny5.org or contact your district rep whose number is located on the back of the Wolf's Tale.

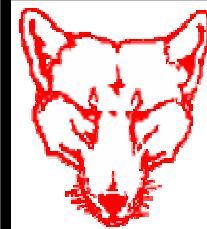


Ceremonies Winter Update

*Kyle Balthaser
Ceremonies Chairman*

With the upcoming winter months on the rise, as ceremonies chairman it is my duty to prepare for Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner and Crossover Arrow of Light Ceremonies. I have arrowmen in place for the parts and will hold some practice seminars in order to fully prepare these individuals for what's to come.

Should anyone be in need of an Arrow of Light Ceremony, please do not hesitate to call me, Kyle Balthaser, at (610) 775 - 4119 if you are a Cub pack in the Berks County area, or Susan Zierle at (570) 628 - 9713 if you are a Cub pack in the Schuylkill County area. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing each pack in the winter.



News from the Committees

If you are a committee chairman, you can have you article printed right here in the Wolf's Tale. Submit articles or pictures for the January/February edition now. The deadline is **Januart 18th, 2005**

*Jeremy Fisher
Achichgawan Nigantiwan
Vice Chief of Admin*

Dear Brothers,

I would like to take this time to express the need for the younger members of our lodge who want to answer the calling of my last article that appeared in the Wolf's Tale. I ask you now, "Turn to the last page and find a committee that interests you and call the chairman and ask if they need any help or you can call me at (570) 893-3552 and I know there is something that everyone could be pitching in on.

The lodge is run by the youth for the youth and the more youth input the executive committee receives the more effective the lodge can function for the needs of the youth we serve. So answer your calling and make the step, take the initiative because the phone is not dialing itself. We hope to hear from you all soon.


*Glenn Piper
Misshakeuchet Takachsin
Web Administrator*

I am very excited to announce some changes on Page 4 of Wolf's Tale. The positions of Web Master and Web Site Adviser have been filled after a very long vacancy.


Joining the leadership ranks in the position of web master is Zach Reinert, a 15yr old Ordeal member from the Boyertown area. Zach offered his service and has some experience in web mastering because he owns his own web site, hosting internet TV and news of the Boyertown area. Look for more frequent updates, and some new design elements on the site this year. Who knows, we may soon have Kittatinny 5 TV ! Suggestions for the site can be send to webmaster@kittatinny5.org.


The reigns of web site adviser have been handed over to David McKeown, who will now advise Zach in the content and format of the lodge web site. You may recall that Dave has plenty of web experience, having redesigned and re-energized the Section NE-4A web site, as well as designing quite a few other commercial web sites.

I will continue to administer the back end of the web server, namely email and database functions. With our new staff in place, look for some exciting new features on kittatinny5.org this year !



Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America





****Conclave Fee, when announced, will be due by the April Ordeal Weekend****

Conclave 2005

Join The Order of The Arrow Section NE-4A for a 3 day weekend that celebrates opportunities in training, fellowship, and networking across the Eastern Pennsylvania patchwork of Northeast Region Lodges.

7 LODGES · 5 MEALS · 2 SHOWS · 100's PATCHES · TRAINING

When: June 10th-12th, 2005

Where: Camp Karoondinha - Millmont, PA

Cost: TBD (sign up now, pay later) (est. less than \$27)

Host: Woapeu Sisilija Lodge 343

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!

Our lodge leaders are putting together everything from a **Powerhouse Volleyball Team** to an **Inspirational Ceremonies Team**... Our lodge will be one of the biggest in attendance! We need you to 'RE-CHARGE OUR LODGES SPIRIT' and to excel in everything the conclave has to offer. We'll show them *why* we are KITTATINNY 5, a force to be reckoned with!!

Send pre-registration form below to:
Kittatinny Lodge 5 – Conclave 2005
Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

CONCLAVE 2005

Kittatinny 5 Early Registration

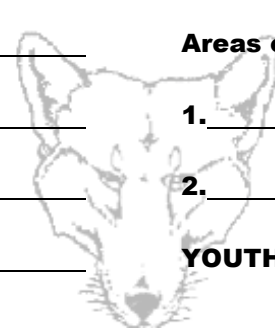
Name: _____ **Areas of Interest/Participation**

Phone #: _____ **1.** _____

Address: _____ **2.** _____

_____ **YOUTH:** _____ **ADULT (21+):** _____

Email: _____



AN ARROWMAN'S PRIORITIES

George Shoop
Lodge Adviser

Think about the Scouts in your unit who have not yet been elected to the Lodge. To them the Order of the Arrow may be a total mystery...an organization cloaked in secrecy and unknown traditions. There is also the possibility that they may see the OA membership as an elitist group that only wants to be involved with other OA members. It is up to us to make sure that others don't see the OA that way, and to make sure the Order is seen for what it truly is....a brotherhood of cheerful service. So how is that done?

Initially, we need to remember that an Arrowman's primary responsibility is to the Arrowman's unit. Don't forget, it was the members of your unit who elected you to the Lodge, regardless of whether they were OA members or not. They saw in you the camping ability, scout spirit, and leadership qualities that made you worthy of

election. They rightfully expect that you will use your involvement in the OA to enhance your dedication and service to the Troop, Team, or Crew. Therefore, your Scouting priorities should be to your unit first, and then to your Lodge.

OK, so how do you use your involvement in the OA to help your unit? First of all, make sure that you are a friend to each member of your unit. A Scout is friendly, remember? That means that you must show friendship to the newest or youngest member, not just to those who are your age or to those with whom you have shared experiences. It means that you take every opportunity to show the new Scout how to tie that knot, or properly do that first aid technique. Respect their points of view, in the spirit of your both holding the common values of Scouting. Be consistent, so as to deserve the trust of your unit members. A Scout is trustworthy, remember?

Secondly, be a leader, and more importantly, be an effective

leader. Set the example for the members of your unit. Live the Scout Law and Scout Oath, and let them see it. Communicate well, and be organized.

Thirdly, talk up the positive aspects of the OA with your unit, and encourage your unit's OA Representative to do the same. Promote summer camp attendance, and keep your unit members updated about OA activities.

Finally, let your unit see how you take the spirit of cheerful service to heart. Stay involved, even after you reach the rank of Eagle. Participate in unit programs and service projects enthusiastically, and guide the other unit members in participating cheerfully.

The image that the Order of the Arrow has at a unit level is up to YOU and your fellow Arrowmen. Make a difference in promoting OA, and your experience as an Arrowman in the Lodge will grow ever stronger.

Google that Conclave!



Roger Mory
Allohakasin Nendauen
Associate Lodge

Tis the time that most of us will be winter camping, most in cabins, but there may be a few bothers willing to face the elements. These winter nights may be long but they should not be wasted. The other evening I decided to use some of my "free time" to explore the web on an OA search. As you all know, I have been pushing the use of www.kittatinny5.org for some time and will continue to do so. After checking our site, I decided to do a Google search of the OA. To my surprise, over 60 pages of material were instantly available. Of special interest was the region site at www.northeast.oa-bsa.org. A great resource page with a special section called burning issues. It is well worth checking out. The National site at www.oa-bsa.org was also very informative. They have areas on History, Leadership Seminars, Insignia guide, and even a photo gallery. I was so

interested that I opened web pages from some other lodges just to see how they were doing. None were quite as good as ours but there was some interesting information on a good number of them. These sites offer a great place to get ideas for weekend organization tips, activities, and service projects. I especially encourage our lodge members to do some research on conclaves. As you know, Kittatinny 5 will be hosting the 2006 conclave! The planning of a GREAT conclave requires more than a year and has already begun. The lodge is looking for input from all brothers -youth and adult - that can make this the best conclave the section has seen. Use some of your "free time" to explore the web and come up with some ideas that we can use. Kittatinny 5 is a great lodge but there is always room for improvement.



OA Even at College

Jonathan Teter
Publications Chairman

Going away to college placed a lot of stress on me academically and physically. Assignments, rehearsals, and studying are constantly eating up my precious time. Twenty-one credits and a double major/minor can be a grueling task. Yet, while I am basking in the sun of, well, Maryland I can not help but remember Kittatinny Lodge V back in Pennsylvania.

I am reminded of how much time the OA took while I was in high school. I miss being able to give that much time to the great lodge we have at home. However, being far away and with little spare time has not stopped me from serving my lodge.

Do you have little time? Want to serve your lodge but can't think of a way? If this scenario is familiar to you, I encourage you to write for the Wolf's Tale. Being the chairman of the publications committee allows me to work from my desktop and not have to make a drive to Hawk Mountain every few weeks. Wolf's Tale staff can do the same for you.

If you truly want to serve your lodge and do not have the time to attend all of the service weekends, executive meetings, or other OA events, consider writing for the Wolf's Tale. It only requires a few hours of time every few months and gives you a good feeling, seeing your work displayed every two months. Think about it.

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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 **March/April** issue is **January 18th**, and can be mailed to:

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Or E-Mail to:
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CLANS

NOTE: A decision was made at the September OA Weekend Quarterly Meeting to disband the clans as they existed. They may return under new guidelines at a later date. Contact a lodge officer or adviser if you have any questions.

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors... It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky." - E. Urner Goodman, *Founder of the Order of the Arrow*

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Wolf's Tale Staff

Jon Teter- Chairman and Editor
Glenn Piper- Adviser

Want your name here? Contact Publications to become a member of the team!

2005 DUES - ARE YOU OVER DUE

Postcards for 2005 OA dues payments were sent to all registered 2004 OA members this past fall.

If you have not already done so, please insure that you return the postcard with your 2005 payment.

If you have not received a postcard and you currently have your 2004 dues paid, please call the council office to verify your address information.

Dues are now past due! Please start your 2005 OA year off on the right foot and get them to membership as soon as possible.

Thank You,
Membership

SCOUTMASTERS

Have you scheduled your 2005 Camp Promotion and OA Elections visit for your unit ?

Don't wait to the last minute. Schedule them early. Contact your District OA Rep listed above !!!