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LODGE CALENDAR

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November 4-5
Vigil Weekend
HMSR

November 4-6
Section Officers
Seminar
Camp Alpine, Alpine,
NJ

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SECRETS OF VIGIL - REVEALED!



Well now that I have your attention, please read on to hear what our camp has to say about the September OA weekend! Yup, that's right, our camp talks now and he has a lot to say. Maybe it's just left over positive energy, or maybe it's the good souls of those who have passed, or maybe it's even Herbie, haven't seen him lately, we'll anyway here's what I heard. *Wow, doesn't camp look great? Thanks for cutting all the weeds on the dam breast, and straightening up the circle, and trimming brush around the lake, and cleaning the trading post, and painting DuPortail Lodge, and washing the windows in the dining hall, and wow does the new roof covering the nature pavilion and my favorite place the Kitty room look great, and all the other work that was done to get camp ready for winter. Especially, thanks to all the new ordeal members for their cheerful service as our new brothers. Well, now that everything's done, I can just relax until spring.*

Sounds good, doesn't it? Well, please don't pack up and start your winter hibernation just yet. There are some things that our camp doesn't know. First, due to the wet weather leading up to our last weekend, no tents could be taken down and many campsites still have tents that need to be put away. Also, post camp inspections revealed some items that need to be taken care of over the winter. Some of these things will be handled by either the Ranger or the maintenance committee but some of these projects could be completed by you or your troop, either during a winter camping weekend or just on any other day that you have a little spare time. I realize that many of you who are reading this already spend much of your personal time helping make our camp a better place, and to those of you I say thank you. But just think if each of you who call yourselves our brothers could spare just a few hours from now until spring to help with a project, imagine all the work that could be accomplished. To schedule a winter weekend camping trip please contact the scout office as always and then let either the Ranger or the Campmaster know when you arrive that you're ready, willing and able to do a project. Also if you're interested in joining our Adopt-A-Campsite program please contact the program coordinator Cecil McKee at dsdeli@verizon.net. If you're available for just a day or have any questions about the projects that need to be completed please feel free to send me an e-mail. Thanks again and hope to see many of you over the winter.

Yours in Scouting,

John Fenstermacher,
HMSR Maintenance Committee Chairman,
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*Disclaimer: This article does not to refer, hint, or give away of the secrets of the Vigil. The title was used as an incentive to get people to read. The staff and writers are not accountable for any problems or misconceptions that may occur from this article. Thanks you for your time and consideration.



ARROWCORPS 5

A HIGHER ADVENTURE

Jumpstart
For New Arrowmen

Chief's Corner



To All Brothers,

The Historical Committee is currently embarking on several projects that will require your help. At the recent LLD, Glenn Piper and I discussed several ideas for what we could do to help improve the lodge and decided that we would definitely be making an updated history of the lodge. We also discussed the possibility of creating a project chronicling the experience of the Ordeal throughout the years, from Minsi and Memu up to and including members who just concluded their Ordeal. If you are interested in participating in any of these projects please contact me, my contact information can be found on the back page.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Steven Gehris
Historian

Thanks for a great
Sept. Weekend & LLD!

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Dear Brothers,
 As you may or may not know there was a lot of work done at the weekend. Unfortunately there was some unfinished business the we could not do to due to some rain, like tents and many others. If you like working out at camp the then venture crew 678 is for you! If you are interested in joining than you can call me or send me an e-mail me. You can also check our website at http://www.geocities.com/crew_678/venturing.html

Your in Brotherhood
 Ed Valibus 678 President



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 December 18th, 2006.

Dear Brothers,
 I hope that everyone who attended the September weekend had a good time, and I encourage you to come to the April, and May weekends. As the time approaches to elect new members in to the OA I want you to reflect on those in your troop who are eligible. Thing if the exemplify the scout oath and law. Thing carefully on those who you chose. With that said I hope that all of you have a good and safe school year. If you have any questions about having an election you can send me an e-mail at cpe@kittatinny5.org or call me my number is in the loge leadership directory. See you in spring.

Yours in Brotherhood
 Ed Valibus CP&E Chairman

Attention WEBELOS II Den Leaders!

It is not too early to start thinking about your Arrow of Light/ Crossover Ceremony. I know it's not till next spring, however the boys in your den have been working extra hard to complete the award. I believe they deserve an extra special ceremony to award it to them. One way to do this is to have the Order of the Arrow perform the ceremony for you. Look for additional information in your upcoming Scouting publications and leader packets or E-mail a request through our web site to Ceremonies at: kittatinny5.org

Tim Seidel
 Ceremonies Advisor

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Dues are now due!

Send in you payments to Council ASAP!



Congratulations to all of our new Vigil's!

**Attention ALL Chairman:
 It is advised that all committees submit
 articles fot the Wolf's Tale.
 Please submit articles ASAP for
 the Jan/Feb edition!**



Great Ordeals Starting and Continuing the Magic!



As Arrowmen we each completed the same Ordeal, however each of us had our own unique experience. There is no question about the importance of conducting first-class Ordeals, however the more pressing question is how to make it happen. The first step to making a great Ordeal is easily stated, but is much harder to achieve. This first step is communication.

Communication is perhaps the most mentioned idea you will hear from an individual about creating a great Ordeal. The bottom line is that there is no escaping the continuing need of communication. Some people may be tired of hearing it, but it is key.

It is important to remember that a large part of a successful Ordeal is the induction of new members. Everything that happens throughout the weekend becomes a first impression for each of the candidates. Making each candidate feel welcome by those who will become his **brother** by the end of the weekend is important.

To help insure that each new brother feels welcome, many lodges have employed a program known as the Extended Elangomat Program. The Extended Elangomat Program helps at both making new members feel welcome, and also helps the lodge with Brotherhood Conversion. In short, the Elangomat from each clan keeps in contact with each new member from the clan, and truly becomes a friend to him. Initially the Elangomat will make the member feel welcome after completing his Ordeal, and further down the line will personally contact him to make sure he is coming to the next Ordeal.

Rather than employing an Extended Elangomat Program, some lodges have decided to utilize the OA Troop/Team Representative Program to help welcome new members. Basically the Troop / Team Representative keeps in touch with the new members that come from his unit, instead of the Elangomat. This method works well for some Lodges, others use the Extended Elangomat program, and some lodges use both approaches.

Ceremonies are what basically begin and end the Ordeal experience. The Pre-Ordeal Ceremony is arguably the most important, as it is in fact the first glimpse a new member gets into what the Order of the Arrow really is. In order to have exceptional ceremonies ceremonialists must truly get into character. When you step into the ring, you are now the principal you are playing. Each line of the ceremony should be natural, and the best way to do that is to learn the part. The most successful ceremonial teams have numerous practices outside of Lodge Ordeals to help them prepare for a great experience.

The Order of the Arrow is obviously rich with Native American Culture, and exposing new members to American Indian elements can do nothing but enhance first impressions made by new members. Some lodges choose to have their Dance Team perform between ceremonies, others will host a busk or pow-wow. Regardless, it is important to allow new members the opportunity to be introduced to such elements of the OA.

The bottom line is making members feel welcome throughout the weekend. After the Ordeal the Lodge Chief should be out and amongst the candidates thanking them for the work they have done. Furthermore, candidates should have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the Order. Each lodge seems to have a mildly different approach to this. Some just have a casual Question and Answer session, others go as far as having a new member breakfast where the new members get to meet the lodge leadership, and learn some more about the OA, and the ceremonies they have gone through.

Helping new members get oriented to both their lodge, and the Order as a whole is the key here. Many have heard about the new Jumpstart Program launched in January of 2003. The first part to this program is an orientation session designed specifically for new members. The [Lodge Orientation Guide](#) can be found here on the national web site. The second part of the Jumpstart Program gets a little more high-tech, and finds itself online. For those who have not heard the [Jumpstart web site](#) has numerous resources designed specifically for new members.

In addition to the Jumpstart program, the [2003 Lodge Program Resource Book](#) provides lodges with a number of resources including membership retention, and Brotherhood conversion. The key thing to remember is that each lodge is unique in its own ways. The most successful Ordeals will come from the lodge leadership coming together, identifying the needs of the lodge, and ultimately developing a strategy on how to meet the needs of the lodge.

Inducting new members is a wonderful thing, but equally important is keeping them around. Making them feel welcome, and exposing them to just how dynamic of an organization the OA is will undoubtedly make the new members of your lodge as excited about the OA as you are. Things like Brotherhood Conversion will happen naturally when the many pieces of the puzzle fall in place, and new members feel welcome from the moment they arrive for their Ordeal.

From oa-bsa.org



We Are Going to Try One More Time

to finish taking down tents...There are only a few left. Date is Nov. 4th Lunch will be at 11:30 am and we will start taking down tents at noon. We should be done between 3 and 4. If you would like to help call JJ Miller at 610-858-6918

APRIL 20-22, 2007 OA WEEKEND REGISTRATION

*** Please Print Clearly - Make sure your dues are paid before registering ***

**APRIL 10 IS THE FINAL DATE YOUR REGISTRATION WILL
BE ACCEPTED AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE. PLAN ACCORDINGLY !**

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:

- \$20.00 - Late Fee (Received after April 10, 2006)
- \$15.00 - Regular Fee (Received before April 10, 2006)
- \$10.00 - Partial Weekend - 2 meals (Received before April 10, 2006)
- \$16.00 - 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**

COMMITTEE INTREST FORM OA WEEKEND REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail address: _____

This is a for any member who is interested in joining a committee, bring this form with you when you come to the next weekend and hand it in at registration and the Committee Chairman will contact you during the weekend. Please check the following committee(s) that you are interested in joining.

Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Kittatinny INC. |
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- E. Urner Goodman -



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Thanks for everyone's attendance at LLD!