



WOLF'S TALE

THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5
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LODGE CALENDAR

2009



**NOAC - July 31st 2009 -
August 6th 2009**

Brotherhood reviews will be held every Tuesday before dinner during Summer camp. The ceremony will also be that same night.

Every Wednesday is OA day at HMSR during summer camp. Bring a lodge or OA related shirt and join us for the Call-out Ceremony and Cracker Barrel too.

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Chief's Message

I would like to send a big thanks to last years officers; Dan, Phil, Josh, and Brian. You guys were great and I could not have done the job of chief without you. I also want to congratulate Dan, Gordon, Brant, and Nate on becoming the new officers for the 2009-2010 lodge year. This is going to be a great year for Kittatinny, and I look forward to working with the new officers. Also, congratulations to Dick Keppler on becoming the new Associate Lodge Adviser.

The first section NE-6B Conclave went great at Camp Horseshoe! Everyone had a great time and Octararo was an excellent host lodge. Tuckahoe lodge 386 will be hosting next years Conclave at Camp Tuckahoe. The new section officers for the year have been elected and everyone is anticipating next year's conclave already.

Section events often have a general theme of fellowship among Arrowmen. This is a great aspect of the Order of the Arrow. Fellowship brings scouts and scouters together from many different areas of scouting. Increased fellowship can help the lodge in many ways. Members would remain interested and most importantly lodge events would become more fun for everyone there. One goal of the lodge this year is to increase lodge fellowship among our members. It would be beneficial for all.

This summer has been going great so far. Thank you to all the troops that have helped out with cracker barrel and those who have been participating in OA events at HMSR. It's been great seeing all the campers getting excited about the OA and the lodge. Please encourage your OA members within your troop to see other lodge activities besides those that happen over the summer.

Get ready for the September Service Weekend coming up soon! As always it will be a lot of fun. The theme will be set at our summer meeting. The executive committee for the year has been set for the year. The next issue of the Wolf's Tale will have the updated contact information. We apologize for the delay. I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer! We hope to see everyone in September!

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Kyle Dierolf
Lodge Chief



Greetings Brothers,

As the Summer Chieftain of Kittatinny Lodge 5 I would like to encourage everyone to take full advantage of the various opportunities that the Order of the Arrow offers at Summer Camp, there are the summer ceremonies put on by the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation Staff, Monday night visitation that is informative on the ceremonial dress of the Lenape Nation and Western Tribes, and for eligible ordeal members brotherhood reviews are offered at the Indian Village at 5:00 on Tuesday of your week at summer camp.

See You This Summer!
Phillip Thomas
Tschitqui Kshamahellen Tekene
Silent Runner of the Woods



Congratulations Kyle Dierolf, our New Section Vice-Chief for Section NE-6B, and continuing Lodge chief. Got to get his autograph now.

Conclave 2009 Reviews

If you didn't attend Conclave you missed out on a lot of fun. I enjoyed three things about Conclave a whole lot.

I really liked the campsite assigned to Kittatinny Lodge. Sherwood Forest was it's name. We stayed in open-sided cabins with canvas sides that could be dropped down in case of rain. And the cabins had little 'coffin' bunk beds, eight to a cabin, that were fun to sleep in. Generally, it was just a cool little campsite.

At Conclave I got a chance to shoot skeet, something I had never done before. I got two of the first five clay birds I ever shot with a shotgun. And I liked the 'crack' the 20 gauge shotgun made when I fired it. It was really cool to watch the skeet explode in mid-air when I hit them. There weren't a lot of people competing for room at the shotgun range, unlike the rifle range at Hawk Mountain during summer camp. I got to fire twenty shots altogether. I also had a lot of fun being a smart-alec while on the range. For example, when my friend Drew missed a shot, I would shoot his skeet. And most of the time I would hit it. And he would do the same with mine if I missed.

Tuckahoe Lodge handed out bungee-propelled rockets made of foam to everyone to promote next year's Conclave. It will be held at Camp Tuckahoe and the theme is 'rockin to the arrow' or something like that. Whatever it is, the rockets were a lot of fun. We had a huge rocket war going on in our campsite. Everyone was shooting at each other, and we had a lot of fun dodging and twisting to avoid getting hit while we were trying to retrieve rockets from the ground so we could keep firing. Of course, since they were foam, they didn't hurt if you got hit. And, it was just fun.

There's a lot more I could add, by why not plan to attend next year's Conclave, and have some fun, rather than just reading about it.

Mark Bailey

Thanks and Farewell

Dear Lodge,

I am greatly saddened to announce that this will be my last Wolf's Tale to assemble. I have been honored to have been selected by you to serve as the secretary for 08-09. I have had the most fun in years and enjoyed feeling important. I would like to thank Brant Portner for filling my position after following me into membership and now secretary. I also want to thank: Kyle Dierolf, Dan Kline, Phil Thomas, and Brian Kahl for the good times working with them on the exec board. I also want to thank Jim Buerger, Sally Trump, and Greg Portner for their roles in the lodge and help through this year. Lastly, I want to thank all the chairman and every lodge member in our honored lodge. We truly are a great lodge and I haven't realized it until Conclave when I heard other lodges say they have been struggling and have not got quality lodge in years. So I want to congratulate our lodge on the awesome job it's been doing.

For those who don't know why I'm leave, I am attending Slippery Rock University in August for Environmental Science. I am glad to announce that I might continue going to conclaves if I don't have school then. So I will miss the bus Trips, Weekends, and meetings that were all good fun.

Sincerely,
Josh Seidel your past
Lodge Secretary

Smudge Pot supplies Needed!!!

Attention everyone,

We are in need of the proper supplies to make smudge pots, which means we need your help. We request that you collect all your tuna cans, or cat food cans (you know the smudge pot cans), paraffin or candle wax, and we also need single faced cardboard too. All these supplies are needed to make the smug pots. Please bring anything you can to either the next lodge meeting or May weekend.

Thanks is in order to Tony and Kevin Damato who made 700 smudge pots to last the winter. The lodge appreciates your service, THANKS!



News from the Committees

If you are a committee chairman, you can have your article printed right here in the Wolf's Tale. Submit articles or pictures for the September/October edition now. The deadline is August 1

Secretary's Last Reports

Conclave this year was quite fun with all the activities, training, and competitions that were held. For those who didn't go, you missed all the super fun stuff that happened. It's true, I'll be honest this years conclave was not the best, some of the food wasn't that good and it seemed to be a little unorganized. However I feel it was a good time to meet new people and enjoy fellowship which I did. I was able to talk with two different Lodge Advisors, one of which had a job specifically in the career field that I wish to pursue. I met several new people and saw several people from past conclaves I have met. I think it was a great experience and even though some aspects weren't great, I still think it was a fun time.

-Josh Seidel

Conclave Theme for 2012 - Our hosting year: Well One night of the conclave, some of our contingent had a sit down and discussed a Monty Python theme for our hosting conclave. This is what we came up with:

The nights who say "Kitittin- ni"
Coconut Shells
In search of the holy arrow
Other various skits that refer to

Monty Python.

Yes, we may have been laughing the entire time that we were talking about it. I am serious now however, I think it would make for a hilarious theme and everyone would love it. So write this down or keep this near till 2012. By the way if that conclave happens, sign me up.

Officer positions have officially changed as follows:

Lodge Chief: Kyle Dierolf

Vice Chief of Admin.: Dan Kline

Vice Chief of Activities: Gordon Stock

Secretary: Brant Portner

Treasurer: Nate Wyandt

The change over occurred at camp Horseshoe after the conclave meeting.

Kittatinny Inc. Summer Hours

Your Kittatinny Inc. Order of the Arrow merchandise supplier is always open for business. You can shop on line 24/7. Just print out the mail-in order form and send it into the Hawk Mountain Scout Office. Your order will be shipped directly to your home. When you are at summer camp we are at camp with you. Wednesday after our candidate call out ceremony look for us at the cracker barrel. See you there!

Kittatinny Inc. Advisor
 Tim Seidel
 Pupukwesh Witschindin

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 Entended 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.

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: www.oa-bsa.org/

Continuing the Tradition: OA

Remember all the fun stuff we do? Well, we must continue that fun and cool stuff. These are some traditions that I remember:

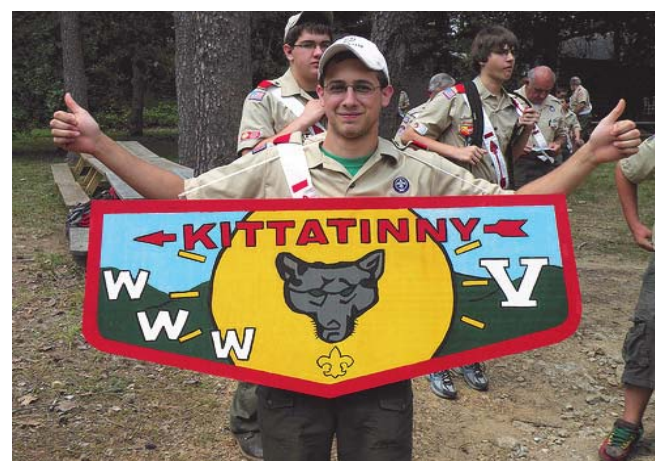
- Root beer Floats at cracker barrel
- Fun activities at Saturday Cracker Barrel
- The weekend wolf's tale
- Troop Participation- going to week-ends as a troop.
- Recognition: Vigil, Chief award, Service and lodge Spirit awards
- Bus trips- Washington, D.C and Philly
- Cheerfully serving
- Fellowship of making new friends Etc.

My Point is we must continue the fun by bringing back or continuing all these great traditions. Please help the lodge in doing so by serving and continue the tradition that is the OA and brotherhood.

Conclave Pictures below



Brant Portner Launching Arrow



Dan Kline holding our Lodge Flap Sign



Our ceremony presentation

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Leadership Directory will change next issue, it is currently being finalized.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks for the patience.

Summer Stuff

If anyone or troop is interested in sponsoring the Wednesday night cracker barrel after the call out ceremony, please contact Phil Thomas the Summer Chieftain and current Vice chief of Admin. His contact information is above or at www.kittatinny5.org/joomla/.

Also anyone interested in doing summer ceremonies can also contact him and he will be willing to fit you in for a ceremony.

Attention all scouts and Leaders and anyone,

If your troop does not have an OA troop representative, please make sure you select an individual to become the OA rep. This is important for communication between the lodge and your troop. Please have your OA representative contact Cory Kercher at (610)-856-1273 to get information and unify communication between your troop and our lodge. Thank you very much.

Wanna go to Philmont, but your troops not going, why not go with the OA.....

OA TRAIL CREW PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

Info. From: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>