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LODGE CALENDAR



2009

LLD November 21

2010

Lodge Banquet January 16

Committee Workshop
March (Date To Be Announced)

NYC Bus Trip
March (Date To Be Announced)

Council Scout Show April 30 - May 2

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Chief's Message

As the Fall winds down...

Our busy fall months here in the lodge are soon to come to an end. First, I would like to thank everyone who helped out with Cub Adventure Days. Hopefully we made a great impression on our future Boy Scouts and Arrowmen. Also, I would like to congratulate all of our new Vigil members. After a long summer of call outs, our new candidates have successfully completed their vigils.

Our fall months are not quite at an end yet. We still have Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) coming up. LLD is a lodge-run training event for any and all Arrowmen. It is a great way to learn more about the lodge, the OA, and effective leadership. Everything that is learned at LLD can easily be applied to a troop as well. We change the training topics each year, so if you attended in the past you can still learn more leadership skills. We apologize for the last minute date change. Please check the website or the Facebook group for the latest and official date.

The lodge does not hibernate all winter, though I am sure many of us would like that. Elections are in full swing over the late Fall and Winter months. We strongly encourage all troops to



schedule your elections as soon as possible. Once you receive your packet, you can schedule it with your district representative (see the Leadership directory). The quicker the elections are scheduled and completed, the quicker the new candidates can register for the weekends.

January 16 will be our second Annual Lodge Banquet, which is being held

at HMSR. We are still working on the menu and the program, so if you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know! This is YOUR lodge and YOUR banquet; let us know what you want to see. We will also present the Lodge Spirit and Camp Service awards. If you would like to nominate someone, the forms can be found on the lodge website. All youth and adult members can be nominated.

I hope everyone is enjoying their Fall, and always remember to keep in mind the ideals of Scouting each and everyday.

Yours in Cheerful Service, Kyle Dierolf Lodge Chief

LLD Rescheduled

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) has been rescheduled for November 21, 2009. This event is required to make National Honor Lodge, and is mandatory for Officers, Chairmen, and Advisers. While this event is free, please register so we know who is planning on attending (see page 4).



Contestants prepare to dig in to the September weekend's pie eating contest.

Activities Committee

Fellow Arrowmen,

First off, I would like to apologize for my absence at this past weekend, I had some previous engagements that made it impossible for me to attend. But even with all that in mind, I would like to thank Jeremy Houser for his great help this weekend and being able to fill my shoes when I was absent.

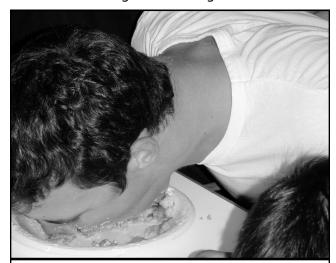
The weekend was a success as far as activities is concerned and for the next two weekends we have some grand things planned. So trust me, you will want to come to the April and May weekends. Finally, I would love to invite any of our lodge members with ideas for activities to feel free to contact me, we are always looking for things to make the weekends interesting for everyone.

Yours in WWW, Billy Kimmel

Time to Renew Your Dues

By now, your dues renewal card has reached your mailbox, or at least is in the mail. Here is our **TOP FIVE** reasons your prompt attention to this important card is required:

- 1) National dues are to be paid with the Lodge re-chartering process before the end of the year. We need your dues to help pay the National rechartering fees.
- 2) Calculation of our Brotherhood Conversion, a major requirement for National Honor Lodge, is based on our paid membership. As soon as we know how many members we have in the Lodge, we know what our conversion must be to make our National and Lodge goals.
- 3) Prompt return of your dues card means we won't have to send a costly reminder mailing in January after your dues have already expired. This saves the budget, and makes us greener by saving paper.
- 4) If you return the dues card with your Lodge ID number on the mailing label, it makes the job of data entry by the Membership committee much easier.
- 5) You are not technically allowed to wear your Kittatinny Lodge flap on your uniform if you are not a member in good standing.



DIVE RIGHT IN! Members get up close and personal with apple pies at Sept. Weekend.



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 January/February edition NOW.

The deadline is **December 1st.**

Ceremonies

Hey,

I'm Austin, the new Ceremonies Chairman. September weekend was fun, everyone. The pie eating contest was the most memorable moment of that weekend. I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the ceremonies ... they were great. If anyone is interested in helping out, just give me a call and I will get you the scripts.

Austin Noguera Ceremonies Chairman



The legend of the Order of the Arrow is passed down from Scout to Scout during each O.A. Ceremony. Do YOU know the legend?

Conference / Conclave

Yes, it's not even the New Year yet, but now is the time to start planning your schedule for Spring Scouting activities. And what would the Spring be without the NE-6B Section Conclave?

This past year, we had a great time at Horseshoe Scout Reservation hosted by Octoraro Lodge. This coming year's Conclave is shaping up to be even better than last year's. Rumor has it that the theme will be "Rockin' To A Higher Purpose." Now with a theme like that, I might be thinking about brushing up on my Guitar Hero skills!

This coming year's Conclave will be hosted by Tuckahoe Lodge 386 of the York-Adams Area Council on May 21-23 at Camp Tuckahoe, near Dillsburg, PA (southwest of Harrisburg).

Look for a sign-up form for the 2010 Conclave in the next edition of Wolf's Tale. If you have any interest or questions, talk to our Conference/Conclave chairman or advisor, Kevin or Don Kline. Their numbers are listed on the back of Wolf's Tale.

Attention all Scouts and Unit Leaders

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

Troop/Team Rep, the Beginning of a New Era?

Hello everyone. In the last edition of the Wolf's Tale I wrote an article about why you need a Troop/Team OA Rep. The fact is still the same that the Troop/Team OA Rep communicates things from the lodge to his troop.

I also went over the requirements of being an OA Troop/Team Rep. The topic of this article is how this new era of paperless communication can be used to enhance your OA Troop/Team Rep's experience and make his job a little easier from the get go.

Internet. Oooooooo, ahhhhhhhh, special, very special!!!! The internet and email are probably some of the most modern ways of communicating between the OA and the troop. Now I would hope everyone knows what the World Wide Web and email are. Almost everything is electronic. Papers that you would have had to mail ten years ago to a Troop/Team Rep when the program was first started can now be sent as attachments through email and IM (instant messaging). Email and the Internet will allow instantaneous delivery of messages or whatever you need to get the news out. Provided that your Troop/Team Rep is watching his email inbox.

The Lodge Website (http://www.kittatinny5.org) has an e-News feature. Just go under the Communications section and click e-News to sign up. It will ask you for your email address and a password (for security purposes). Once all this is done, you can choose whether you want your e-News in a daily digest or single deliveries; e-News is an effective way for Kittatinny Lodge 5 to communicate to its OA Troops/Team Reps. I encourage all Troop/Team Reps out there to sign up for e-News.

Another feature of Kittatinny Lodge 5 is the Message Center. This is also found under Communications. This allows you to contact a chairman or officer directly through their email without having to go through the hassle of looking their email up. Chairmen, I urge you to check your email on a regular basis lest you will have an angry mob of OA Troop/Team Reps barreling down on you. Other effective means of contacting people within the lodge if you have questions are social networking sites, such as Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter. Did you know that our Lodge has a Facebook group? Get on Facebook and find us on the Web!!! Instant messaging was briefly mentioned above and can be an effective tool.

Everything explained here is how the Internet can help you help your Troop/Team Rep keep in touch with the Lodge.

The oldest and probably most reliable way to contact your Troop/Team Rep is by phone. Using a cell phone or landline is easy because it's direct. Kittatinny Lodge 5 has a directory in the back of the Wolf's Tale listing the phone number and name of every chairman in the lodge. All you have to do is contact them. Many chairmen also have cell phones. If you know their cell phone numbers, one of the most effective means to contact them is text messaging. Text messaging can let you send a short message to them without calling them directly and wasting their minutes. Phone is what I highly recommend as a means of communication if you need to get in touch with a person quickly.

All of this is a means of communication through which you can help your Troop/Team Rep bring more information directly to your Troop. It also helps the Lodge. The more brothers who know about our events, the more news will be spread. Communication is key in this day and age.

Mike Lado, Black Rock Troop/Team Rep Chairman

Web Site News

Greetings Brothers,

How has school been going? I hope well, though I am sure some, if not all, of you wish that it was over and done with. Some of you are probably feel overwhelmed with tests, essays, quizzes, and other school-related activities. You wish that you could do something to take your mind off of school for a couple of minutes, without wasting your time. Well, I have the answer! Check out www.kittatinny5.org! We here at the site have all sorts of useful info. Do you know how many committees our Lodge has? How about our Lodge's history? Do you know when we hold the elections for officers, and why we hold them when we do? You can find out about all of this and more on the site! Congratulations, you now have a site on the Internet that you can go to and not waste your time! I would also like to announce that we are going to launch a Facts section on the site soon! Once a month we will release a new article on the website that will have a few facts about our Lodge that you can find on the site. As of now, our website has been viewed over 3,000 times! Are you one of those viewers?

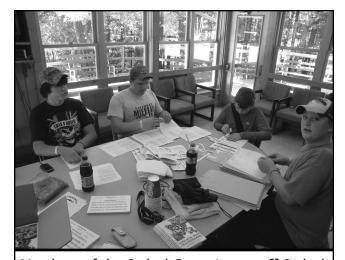
> YIS, Jon Carl Website Chairman

CP&EReport

CP&E, Camp Promotions and Elections, is promoting the idea of early elections. As soon as the Scout Master gets the packet with the election information, the troop can schedule the election from that time (October/November) until the last day of February.

Please call your District's Chairman to schedule the election. If you have any questions concerning this early and extended election season, or anything at all, contact me or your District CP&E Chairman.

> Alex Conrad CP&E Chair



Members of the Ordeal Committee stuff Ordeal packets Saturday afternoon in preparation for receiving our newest members.

Secretary's Report

Dear Arrowmen,

I would like to start off by telling chairmen that an article is MANDATORY! I did get articles from most chairmen although some were received at the last minute, and a few chairmen never sent theirs, and some I never got. I would like to see more articles from all of the chairmen next time, and early.

Onto a lighter note, I would like to see more people attend Lodge events. They are extremely fun and leave you with many fun and positive memories. You can see when the upcoming events are by looking on the front page of Wolf's Tale.

Also, dues will be coming out soon. I remember when I was the chairman of the Membership committee, when we had a problem getting an accurate membership counts. So, get your dues in ASAP. Dues are \$12. If you pay late, they will be \$17.

At our meeting, we changed our Lodge fiscal year, which is now July 1st to June 30th. You will be able to read the minutes on www.kittitinny5.org.

Yours in service, Brant Portner Secretary

Adviser's Corner

Brothers,

Well, it's October. The service weekends for OA are all over, summer camp call outs are complete, the Brotherhood minimum conversion ratio was met for the year - so, OA is all done for the year. Right? - Wrong!

Much of the work of our Brotherhood takes place over the Winter. And much of this activity is not simply service - because our brotherhood is also about having fun and leadership skills. We have a great deal of activities occurring between our September and April weekends. First, you will be hearing more about our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) course that will be held in November. The date is still being determined but it is likely to be the 21st of November (this is postponed from October 3). Look for further information on this on the web. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and developing leadership skills if you are or hope to be involved in a committee role now or in the future. Second, our 2nd Annual Lodge Banquet will be held on January 16. You should also look for our committee planning weekend and, depending upon the final plans, a tentative bus trip to New York City.

Of course, of critical success of the Lodge is the Camp, Promotions and Elections team. Each district has a representative to head this up – but I can assure you that they can always use your help. We have many troops in each district and it is a monumental job for one person to try to arrange elections at every troop. Even if you can only help with a few that is a big help. Contact your local District Representative (listed in the Chairman directory in Wolf's Tail) and offer your assistance. I am certain they will appreciate your help.

So, stop tweeting and get going. Contact a committee chair and offer to help during this important planning time for OA!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jim Buerger, Lodge Advisor Sisilija Papablim Gock "Buffalo Who Plays With Money"

Brotherhood

Brothers:

At the September OA weekend, we met our Brotherhood Conversion numbers to satisfy the National Quality Lodge requirements, but we did not meet our own percentage set by the Lodge Executive Committee as our Lodge goal.

As of this printing, we are at about a 32% conversion rate. Honor Lodge requires 30%, so we just barely met it. Our lodge goal was 40%.

Over the next few years, we expect National to raise their requirements. Our goal is to stay ahead of these goals. To meet this, we need to get more Brothers to take their Brotherhood Review.

There are currently 218 Ordeal members who are eligible to take Brotherhood. When you hold your unit OA elections, please take a moment and review who in your unit could take Brotherhood to help us make our Lodge goal for 2010.



OA High Adventure

Each year hundreds of Arrowmen from around the country experience BSA High Adventure build new friendships, and grow in their knowledge



and understanding of the Order. Where do they do this? At all of the BSA High Adventure Bases. The OA has programs at Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier (U.S. & Canada). Spots fill up quickly, but there are plenty of openings for 2010. If you are not planning on attending the National Jamboree, OA High Adventure may be for you. Experience twice the normal trek length: one week spent doing service, another week spent on your adventure. What does it cost? It varies depending on the program, but it is typically 1/2 the cost of a regular High Adventure fee. You do need to provide your own transportation to get there. We've had very few Arrowmen from Kittatinny Lodge take advantage of this opportunity. Check it out! information can be found at: http://adventure.oa -bsa.org.

Cardboard, Wax, & Cans

The lodge is in dire need of single-faced cardboard, clean cat food/tuna cans, paraffin, used candles, and wax. These supplies are needed to make the smudge-pots used in lodge ceremonies.

With the holidays approaching, your Church is an excellent source to obtain used candles. Also, scoutmasters, please put the word out for empty cat food cans. Ask the scouts to wash the cans and peel the labels off.

Finally if anyone has a connection with a manufacturer of cardboard we need single-faced cardboard. The cardboard can be cut offs or end of the rolls. Bag or box the supplies and bring them to camp in care of Ranger Kevin Huneke or drop the supplies off at Council office where they will be collected and taken to camp.

Advisor Tony Damato

Editor's Note: For those of you asking "What is single-faced cardboard?", the photo to the right shows what type we are looking for.



Health & Safety

Hey Brothers,

Just a quick word from the chilly peaks of Scranton, PA. I have recently become involved with Scout Reach Troop 7 in the NEPA Council.

I would like to encourage our whole lodge to look into the Scout Reach program, especially in the Hawk Mountain Council. As the Honor Society of Scouting, we should be willing to give back to the organization that has given us so much.

Whether it be through donations or volunteering, find a way to give back this month. Just because we do not have a service weekend soon does not mean that we stop being members of the Order of the Arrow. Let the arrow shoot forward, onward, and upward.

Yours in Brotherhood, Mike Wiencek Health and Safety Chairman

Kittatinny Inc - Open For Shopping Year-Round

Even though there are no service weekends between now and April, you can still shop for your favorite Kittatinny supplies and memorabilia. An order form can be downloaded from the Lodge web site at: http://www.kittatinny5.org/documents/forms/OrderForm200901.pdf.

Be sure to check out the new black Lodge T-shirts, which arrived in September. Moms, dads, grandparents: these t-shirts make great presents for the Arrowman in your family!

Associate Adviser

TO ALL LODGE MEMBERS:

It is important that you participate in all areas of the Lodge.

The Lodge Leadership Development had to be cancelled because not enough members had signed up. The officers are doing what is needed to be a quality lodge. Registration is important so we do not have to reschedule events. Everyone knew of the LLD well in advance.

It is also important that all chairmen submit articles to the Wolf's Tale so the Lodge members are kept informed as to what is happening in the Lodge.

Let us all try to do better in the future to submit articles whether it be committees or other articles or registration for Lodge events.

> Dick Keppler Associate Lodge Adviser

Service Committee

"Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service" These are the three tenants of the Order of the Arrow. Without the service rendered by our members at each OA Weekend, there would be a lot more work to be done around the camp by paid professionals at a premium price.

At the September weekend, we accomplished a lot of good service, all of which was necessary to put the camp to sleep for the Winter months.

This Spring, camp will be awaken again, and we will need to have more service done to get it ready for the Centennial of Scouting, the big 100, the Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

One of the special events for 2010 will be the Council Scout Show, where we hope to attract hundreds of people to visit for the first time, or a visit to Hawk Mountain. We need to be sure our camp is a showcase for the community.

There are still plenty of service opportunities between now and then, not counting the April OA Weekend. Painting, roofing, & general cleanup all needs to be done. If you have a free weekend, contact Ranger Kevin Huneke to see about what you can do to help.

<u>Vigil News</u>

The Vigil Committee would like to recognize and congratulate our newest Vigil Honor member, Denise Greusel. Denise completed her Vigil at the September work weekend. Her Vigil name is NECHNUTSCHINGET SACHGACHTOON, which translated means "Nurse who cooks." You can usually find Denise in the Kitchen helping to prepare our meals for service weekends.

We are looking forward to inducting the rest of the 2009 Vigil Honorees at the Vigil Weekend, to be held on October 24-25.



Denise Greusel is joined by two of her fellow Kitchen Clan members (Mike Ramich and Joe Pietruszynski), just after completing her Vigil.

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If you have Internet access, you can electronically submit a letter or article to the Secretary by going to www.kittatinny5.org.

The deadline for contributions for the January/ February issue is **December I**, and they can be mailed to:

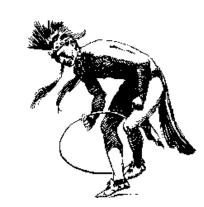
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November 21, 2009

LLD REGISTRATION

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*** Please Print Clearly - Make sure your dues are paid before registering **	*
Name:	
Lodge Member ID#:	
Phone: ()	
Troop #; District:	
Are you a Troop Rep.? Yes No	
Youth Adult	
COST: FREE (THERE IS NO FEE)	
This form is due by November 13	

This form is due by **November 13**.

The training will be at

Willits Dining Hall at 9:00 AM.

Mail envelope and completed form to:

Kittatinny Lodge 5

Hawk Mountain Council, BSA
5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

January 16, 2010

ANNUAL LODGE BANQUET

*** Please Print Clearly - Make sure your dues are paid before registering ***			
Name:			
Lodge Member ID#:			
Phone: (

The Annual Lodge banquet is open to all members, spouses, friends and family. The banquet includes meal and program. We will recognize the recipient of the Camp Service Award and the Spirit Award, as well as other Lodge awards for the past year. The Annual Banquet is a great way to let others know what the O.A. is all about. Sign up early, so we can plan accordingly.

FEES:

Number attending : _____ @ \$10.00. TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Mail fee, envelope, and completed form to:

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