



WOLF'S TALE

THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5
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LODGE CALENDAR



2013

Committee Workshop Day
March 2

Lodge Banquet
March 2

Camp Service Day
March 9

April OA Weekend
April 19-20-21

May OA Weekend
May 19-20-21

NE-6B Conclave
June 7-9

For up-to-date events and
information, check online at:
www.kittatinny5.org

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Fellow Arrowmen,

First and foremost, I would like to apologize for the lack of communication over the last several months. The lodge has run into many issues trying to create a separate newsletter. Hawk Mountain Council has switched their news letter to digital, however the Lodge understands the need for a mailed newsletter. All new information will be posted on our recently redesigned website, kittatinny5.org.

March 2nd is our committee workshop weekend. If you are not on a committee or you are not a chairman, I still hope to see you attend! Then soon after on March 2nd at 5pm we will be hosting our annual lodge banquet. The cost is 10 dollars and it will be held at camp! I hope to see you all there!

The April service weekend is also on the horizon, and we have many fun things planned for this weekend! We will also be working on constructing fishing docks at the lake in the spring! These are a result of a service grant the lodge received this year! There are many new and exciting things coming up this year and I hope to see everyone!

Yours in the Order,
Dan Capitella, Lodge Chief

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHIEF

Hello Brothers.

We have made it through a winter and the spring is upon us. New life, more sun and the Order of the Arrow Weekends are in store. Make sure you sign up for the weekends and join us for the fun. There is a lot to do at camp and we would like to see you all there.

Do not be afraid to make yourself known, brothers. Come up and talk to any of the officers or chairmen and see how you can get involved. Do not just be a face in the crowd; make yourself known. We will all be willing to help you and get you on the right track.

YIS,
Austin Noguera
Vice-Chief of Administration

CHANGES COMING TO LODGE YEAR

Late last fall, an Ad-Hoc Committee was tasked to investigate and make recommendations for changes to our lodge calendar year to align with the new Journey To Excellence award.

Currently, we run from July-June, with new officers taking on their duties after the Section Conclave. Journey to Excellence runs from January to December, thus making setting and attaining goals difficult with leadership and budget changes mid-stream.

All aspects of our lodge operation will be reviewed. Parts of our by-laws will need to be re-written and temporary term extensions may be necessary.

The lodge will vote on the recommendations at an upcoming quarterly meeting, so stay tuned for details.

LODGE ADVISER'S MESSAGE

Winter is just about behind us and spring is about to begin. There is a lot coming up for our Lodge and there are many projects to be completed before summer camp opens.

We have received a grant from the National Order of the Arrow to build handicapped fishing piers at the lake in camp. We will need help to build these piers.

Our service weekends are fast approaching. We would like to see a better attendance of the weekends than we have seen in the past year. Come out and share in our service weekends, meet old and new friends!

The weekend of June 7-9 is our section's Conclave. We would like to send a lodge contingent to the Conclave. Go on the Lodge website and get the information for the Conclave. We hope to see you there.

Thanks to everyone for all you do.

Dick Keppler, Lodge Adviser
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ASSOCIATE LODGE ADVISER

When Phil the groundhog forecasted that spring was just around the corner, I started to get excited about all the things coming up in the Lodge. First will be the Lodge Banquet on March 2nd. Next, our service weekends in April and May. Our Section Conclave is the next event, in June. All brothers should be excited to about these events and push to have members in their home troops attend. Make copies of the reservation forms and hand them out in meetings.

Committee Chairmen, remember to contact the brothers who are interested in helping out with your committees. This is how we can make our Lodge grow and keep more active members.

I hope there is a good attendance for the committee planning meetings before the banquet. This is when the committee can decide what they want to do in the coming year.

Again, I look forward to the upcoming year and the excellent participation by all members of Kittatinny Lodge 5.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Dick Zerbe, Associate Lodge Adviser
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News from the Committees

If you are interested in getting involved in committees, please talk to us by using the contacts on the back or speak to a officer or chairman at any service weekend, or the Summer Chieftain at Summer Camp.

C P & E

The Camp Promotions and Elections teams would like to thank all the unit leaders for a successful election season. Final counts are still being recorded, and newly elected candidates will be receiving their Ordeal invitations in the near future.

This year the lodge will be updating it's *Where To Go Camping* guide, so please be ready to help contribute your favorite local & not-so-local camping and adventure spots.

The *Where To Go Camping* guide is a requirement for Journey to Excellence, and is used by unit leaders to share promote camping and outdoor program possibilities. It is also used by visiting units from outside of our area to learn what types of activities are available within our council.

Greetings from the Lodge Fire Circle

As staff advisor, I am very energized about the events and weekends that are being planned for this year. Your Lodge officers have been very busy in preparation. However, they need your support. I encourage every Arrowman, youth and adult, to be active in your Lodge as well as to encourage others to attend these great Lodge events. Remember, Kittatinny is your Lodge, be sure you are part of its continued success.

In addition to the great events, you will soon see an Order of the Arrow section at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation Scout Shop. Here you will be able to purchase those much-sought-after items.

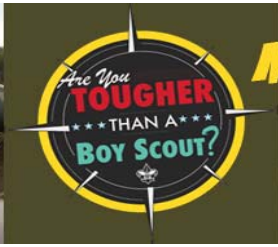
Yours in Brotherhood,

David Muldowney
Lodge Staff Advisor



OA HIGH ADVENTURE - CHECK IT OUT !

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ORDEAL

The April and May Ordeal Weekends will be here before you know it. Please talk with your newly elected candidates in your unit and encourage them to send in their weekend reservation form and complete their Ordeal. You can help motivate them by explaining what the O.A. is about and what they will need to successfully complete their Ordeal. First impressions are lasting, so make their Ordeal memorable by coming out to support them in brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.



BROTHERHOOD

When you were elected, your fellow Scouts chose you for the qualities they saw in you, and the belief that you would provide continued service to Scouting. When you seal your membership as a Brotherhood member, you indicate that you have accepted and intend to live up to the ideals of the Order.

If you took your Ordeal in or earlier than April 2012, please consider fulfilling your obligation and take your Brotherhood. We have about 210 members who are eligible for Brotherhood this spring. How great it would be if we could help all of them reach that goal !

COMMUNICATIONS – WEBSITE

Brothers,

As most of you have seen, our website, kittatinny5.org, received a facelift over the Christmas break. The website committee spent many hours cheerfully migrating content from the old site to the new site. We hope the new website will make it easier to communicate important messages and find useful information about the lodge. Personally, I would like all of you to visit the website and check it out. The website committee is interested in hearing your thoughts and feelings about the new site; so give us that feedback. You can reach us at webstaff@kittatinny5.org or by clicking Feedback on the website.

We also have a Facebook page (facebook.com/Kittatinny5) and a Twitter feed (@kittatinny5). All updates posted to the website will automatically be sent to the Facebook and Twitter pages. If you prefer e-mail, you can subscribe to the website by entering your e-mail address at the very bottom under Subscribe. E-news is still active as well, and we will continue to send important messages using E-news. If you haven't yet signed up for E-news, you can find the sign-up form under Communications > E-news Signup on the website.

All committees are encouraged to create an account on the website so that you can author and post content on your own. This will allow committees to post articles and announcements in between Wolf's Tale issues. You can also send any content or announcements to webstaff@kittatinny5.org and we will be happy to put it on the website for you.

I hope to see you all at the April and May weekends, and don't forget about Conclave in June!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Eric Silva, *Communications-Website Adviser*

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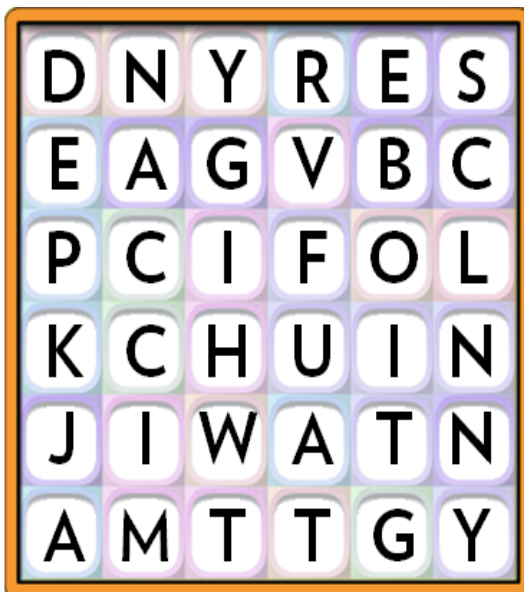
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2015 State University



P U Z Z L E By David Fry



VIGIL

The Vigil Committee will meet in April to choose members for the Vigil Honor. After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their distinguished contributions to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp

This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

From the Section Chief

Brothers,

In the last few months, I have had the opportunity to travel to New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Texas, and other locations in Pennsylvania, all because of opportunities I chose to pursue in the Order of the Arrow. A few weeks ago at NLS I realized something. When I was 14, I went to NLS as a participant. I was so honored to sit next to the National Chief and I still remembered many parts of that NLS experience. 4 years later, I sat in the same spot that the National Chief did. I was a staff member teaching a training cell to the 2012 NLS group just like the National Chief and others did before me. I looked at the 5 participants at my table, and I realized that one of those guys could be their section's chief one day, or even the national chief. I tried my best to make a positive impression on them just as the 2008 national

chief made on me. I think that applies to those reading this as well. The OA has many exciting opportunities, but you need to go after them. By missing events, and not doing your job as a chairman or normal member, you have little to no chance of taking up a higher position in the OA. Really, there is little chance you will experience the possibility of the many friends that can be made, and the fun that can be experienced. If you think you want to get more involved and get a higher position, you need to be devoted. Go to events, take up a responsibility, and work hard at it. I have a blast at scouting events! If you do everything right, the sky is the limit.

Best of luck,
Brant Portner
NE-6B Section Chief



NE-6B CONCLAVE JUNE 7-9, 2013

Wait, you don't know what a Conclave is? Well, a Conclave is a gathering of the five lodges that make up our section of the Northeast Region. Each year, we gather together for a weekend full of fellowship and feasting. There is a little bit of training, and a little bit of inter-lodge competition.

Wrap this all up into a package that includes spectacular shows and stellar dining and cap it all off with the annual Section Meeting and election of new officers, and you have yourself a great Conclave. So, now that you know what a Conclave is, Register now: [2013 NE-6B Conclave Register Form](#). Some of the planned activities include:

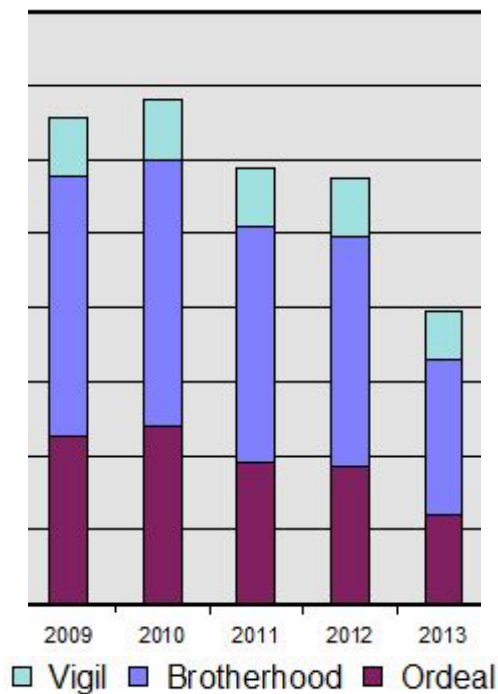
- Archery
- BMX Course
- Ceremonies Competition
- Charity Benefit
- Cowboy Corral
- Closest to the Pin Golf
- Horseshoes
- Human Foosball
- Iron Chef Lodge Cook-Off
- Rifle Shooting
- Shooting Gallery
- Volleyball

2013 Section Scholarship Chenille Patch

This year, the section will again be selling a large, chenille scholarship patch to benefit the section scholarship fund. The scholarship patch is available for \$25.00 through pre-order. If you are interested, please use the [2013 Chenille Order Form](#) available for download on our web site.

Pre-Order forms are due on **April 15, 2012**.

MEMBERSHIP



The Membership Committee has been very active over the winter months. In addition to processing your dues payments and sending out membership cards, we have also been recording and communicating with our new candidates, who were elected in your units, and to reserve a spot for them at an upcoming weekend where they will have the opportunity take their Ordeal.

Our membership numbers have been dropping, resulting in us not having +1 growth for our Journey To Excellence award for 2012. Only you can help turn this trend to the positive. Please be sure to pay your current year dues. Thank you to those members who have already done so, and for the remainder, please pay soon.

We also need to reach out to our Brothers in our home units who may have lapsed their membership. Encourage them to become active again, come out to weekends, and join in the Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. With all of us working together, we can raise the bar and attain +1 growth and JTE for 2013.

Yours in the WWW,
Glenn S. Piper, Membership Adviser
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**NOAC 2015 - The 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow**

Start Planning Now! The location and dates for the 100th Anniversary NOAC were announced at the National Planning Meeting in December. It will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI from August 3 thru 8, 2015. They are planning on close to 10,000 Arrowmen for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Kittatinny Lodge will be in attendance. If you're not sure what NOAC is all about, speak to one of the 44 lodge members that were in attendance at this past year's NOAC. Will you be there?

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A patch auction will be held Saturday night of the April service weekend. Proceeds offset cost of youth going to NOAC 2015. Please support them!

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