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Brothers,

What an exciting year 2015 has been for our Lodge and the Order of the Arrow as a whole! The centennial year of the OA program will surely be remembered by all those Arrowmen who took advantage of the opportunities presented to us this year. The messages and affirmation of our ideals throughout this year have been both inspiring and humbling.

Reminders of our ideals were found at every turn at NOAC this summer with the prevalent theme of "It Starts With Us" and the [#DareToDo](#) initiative. What struck me as truly remarkable was the steadfast belief that we, as Arrowmen and Scouts, have the ability to make a difference. This is something that we should all remember as we live the Scout Oath and Law. Sometimes we forget that the little things count too. Holding the door open for someone, helping a family member with chores, or befriending someone can also make an incredible difference in another person's life. It only takes a spark to kindle a fire no matter how large or small. We strive to maintain a cheerful fire and should do our best to spread that cheerfulness to others. As servant leaders we should [#DareToDo](#) good each and every day. Forward progress starts with us; no matter how humble the deed.

Thank you for an exciting year! I sincerely hope that the enthusiasm and spirit displayed by our lodge carries into the future. I would also like to thank the Lodge Executive Committee for your dedication and service during this eventful year.

Wishing you all blue skies and happy trails,  
Kyle Dierolf  
Associate Lodge Adviser

## Section NE-6B Updates



### NE-6 Unites for



#LEAD is a one day social training event for all members of Sections NE-6B and NE-6A to perfect skills in various different OA focuses taught by Nationally renowned trainers!

This year's #LEAD will be held at Carol County Community College in Westminster, Maryland on January 23rd 2016 (Snow Date: January 31st). The fee for the day is \$20, and includes a patch, lunch, refreshments, and a day of fun and learning with your brothers from across the northeast.

Expect more details regarding #LEAD when registration opens on October 1st.

### Section Save The Date

NE-6 #LEAD Training Event-

January 23rd

NE-6B Conclave at Camp Tuckahoe ~  
June 3-5, 2016

### Camp Promotions & Elections

will need lots of help this election season in all districts. We need election teams for to run the elections. If you would like to help please let us know.



CP+E Co-Chairs  
Andrew Simmons and Dylan  
Bieber



# Membership Plans for Records Update

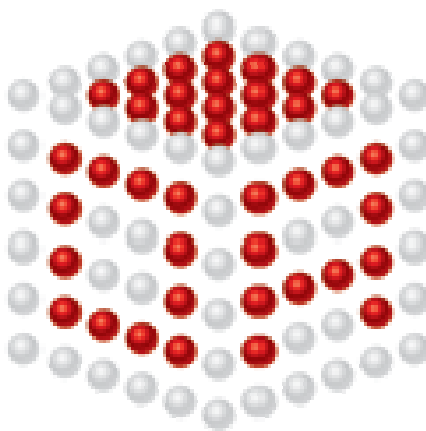
The lodge year is winding down but it's not over yet! There are still some great activities planned through the end of the year, and a lot of work to do in the Membership Committee. Membership is definitely a committee that operates year-round!

As announced at NOAC in August, for the first time in O.A. history, every lodge in the country is now using O.A. Lodge Master as it's official record keeping and reporting tool, and our lodge has been using the system in one way or the other since around 2008. We are continuing to find and implement new uses of the system to enhance lodge events and other operations.

Over time, some of our records have become out-of-date.

To prepare for a cleanup of our records, Membership in the early stages of developing a multi-month project to consolidate and update the lodge current and historical membership records. Our goal will be to consolidate all the membership records we have, including historical records, into O.A. Lodge Master so they are all at one place, accessible by everyone that needs access to them.

To kick off this project, we are planning on doing dues renewal a bit different this Fall. Ra-



ther than just sending you a renewal notice card, we are planning to send out a letter and include a copy of your O.A. Individual History report. This includes your contact information; event history; awards ; positions held in the lodge; ceremonial parts; and service hours recorded. What we will be asking you to do is review this data and correct any errors and add any additional data we don't have, to complete your O.A. record as completely as possible. Your participation in returning the updates will make or break this project, so please actively participate.

With all this going on, we are also looking for some additional Arrowmen to help on the committee. If you have an interest in keeping records, data entry, and/or preserving lodge records, then this is the committee for you. If interested, please contact the Membership Committee Chairman, John Conlen. Contact information can be found in this Wolf's Tale, or use the Message Center on the web site under Feedback.

My Brothers,  
As 2015 nears its end, I can't help to think about what is ahead in 2016. This past year has been a very busy year celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. We had great things happen this year and now we must think of what we can do to better ourselves, better scouting and make the lodge stronger in 2016.

I found the message of NOAC inspirational. I came home with a new perspective and new ideas on how to help the young men keep improving the lodge. I hope all of those who attended NOAC have also been inspired and will take on new challenges. Ask yourself, "what can I do to better myself and Scouting". Think about an action you can do to cause a ripple within Scouting that will improve your unit, our council, and our lodge - #DareToDo

One of my goals for 2016 is to reach out to more people and find those who are willing to help the lodge, people who are willing to put in the time and effort to keep scouting strong.

I am looking forward to 2016, we can all work together to build a stronger scouting program and a stronger lodge. I hope to see many of you at our lodge events in the coming year. Remember - "It Starts With Us. Each action causes a ripple, soon you have a wave. Let us ride that wave into the next 100 years."

Rudy Benkert  
Lodge Adviser

# 2016 Calendar

Here's a sneak peak of events for the 2016 year.

Please note: These events have not been confirmed and are subject to change

<b>January-</b>	<b>June-</b>	<b>October-</b>
-Black Rock Polar Bear Plunge	-Conclave	-Fellowship Week-end
-#LEAD	-OA Cub Scout Day	-Vigil Weekend
-Lodge Leadership Development	<b>July/August-</b>	<b>November-</b>
	-Summer Camp	-Lodge Banquet
<b>February-</b>	<b>September-</b>	<b>December-</b>
-2015 "Court of Honor"	-Service Weekend	-2017 Planning Meeting
<b>April/May-</b>		
-Service Week-ends		

## "Smudge Pot"

### Supplies Needed

The ceremonies team is in need of supplies to maintain the stock of smudge pots, the small tins used to illuminate OA ceremonies at camp and weekends.

-Cleaned Cat Food or Tuna Tins

-Single Faced Corrugated Card-board

-Paraffin Wax (Old candles are great!)

Please drop off supplies at the council service center, or at camp so we can assemble the pots over the winter. Thank you!

Fellow Arrowmen:

Each of us has the ability to make an important difference. Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the lodge. As inspiration for all of us to realize that each of us can do things to help improve our lodge, here are several people in history that have proven one person can make important differences.

Gandhi made peaceful protest and peaceful civil disobedience a valuable process of peaceful change. Susan B. Anthony rose to the challenge as a famous leader of the battle to obtain women's right to vote in the U.S. In 1908, an acclaimed English war hero, Robert Baden Powell, founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Seven years later at Treasure Island in the Delaware River, E. Urner Goodman launched an innovative program, the Order of the Arrow, which is based on peer recognition and

service to others. John F. Kennedy, America's thirty-fifth President believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try."

We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then he or she can make a difference. You may not realize that each and every one of you is important and can make a difference. But just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the lodge.

This past August I was fortunate to see what happens when 2,000 Arrowmen volunteered to serve on staff at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). They succeeded in creating an event which provided a lifetime of memories for 14,000 Arrowmen and fellow Brothers. I was truly inspired throughout the en-

tire week. I am also inspired by our own lodge. I see great potential in the youth Arrowmen I encounter at each lodge event. They are making the first step in their journey. I would like to encourage all of you to continue to take steps forward and continue that journey.

We need young Arrowmen to continue to make improvements in the Communications and other committees. I challenge each of you to do more in the Lodge. If you are not on a committee, find a committee that suits your talents and interests. If you are already on a committee, find other Arrowmen to join your committee. Show them the way. Be the example and guide them to do more. What would happen if every Arrowman was more deeply involved in the lodge?

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Eric Silva  
Wowoatam Piskeke Gokhos  
Communications Adviser

I hope everyone had a great summer as I did. Also a thank you the boys who put on the ceremonies at summer camp. A job well done.

In the election packet each troop received for this year's election there was information about earning a Unit of Excellence Award. I hope there are troops working on the award as it is part of our journey to excellence. If you are, great, if not, take look at the paper work to see if you qualifies.

Also, if you have completed any service hours as a lodge member at camp or any other place please record them on the Kittatinny web site ([Kittatinny5.org/feedback/service-hours-reporting](http://Kittatinny5.org/feedback/service-hours-reporting)) as it is also part of our Journey to Excellence.

Thanks to everyone for all you do in the lodge.

Dick Keppler  
Associate Lodge Adviser  
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## The Centurions

The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps over the last century.



Kyle Dierolf (Y)



Barry Leister (A)



Earl P. Moyer (A)



Brant Portner (Y)



Richard Tylka (Y)



Dr. Arthur A.  
Schuck (A)

George  
Keller

Michael  
Miller

Austin  
Noguera

→ 10 LETTERS

Weiser friend

↓ 8 LETTERS

\_\_\_\_\_ service

← 6 LETTERS

Welcome to the OA

↑ 8 LETTERS

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### OA Word Wrap

Four Scout related clues are given and the answers are in the letters cube. The arrow block tells you the direction the word follows and how many letters are in it. The first letter of the word is on the edge of the cube and the last letter is on the opposite edge. Connect the letters of the answer vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once.



# 2015 Unit Excellence Awards Closing Soon

Units within Hawk Mountain Council which have shown extraordinary participation and organization with in The Order of the Arrow may qualify for lodge and national recognition as part of the 2015 Excellence Awards. Awards are available for units, OA Troop Representatives, and OA Troop Representative Advisers.



All forms must be submitted to the council office by December 31st and are available at [Kit-tatinny5.org/forms](http://Kit-tatinny5.org/forms). Please contact Associate Lodge Adviser, Dick Keppler with questions, comments, or concerns.



## A Note from the Editor

Brothers,

At the closing of this calendar year, I will step down from my two years of service as Communications Chairman of Kit-tatinny Lodge 5 to assume an officer position.

It is with the utmost pride that I recognize the last two years as some of the greatest of my scouting career and I must say to everyone, "thank you".

I am forever indebted to the lodge for serving as a place of refuge against even the darkest days of my personal struggles, as a community for which to generate hardy friendships to last a lifetime, as a way to channel my personal morals through WWW, as a tool to open my eyes to catch a glimpse of the significance of the scouting program, as the platform on which I realized what I had been doing as a hobby was something I could do every day of my life, as a place to discover my strengths and more importantly my weaknesses, and most importantly, for helping to shape me into the man I am today.



Thank you to my adviser, Eric Silva, for always being my #1. You helped me to gather the deepest insight into the lodge, allowed me to develop my own vision of the future, and watched and guided me so I could make it so.

Thank you to all the others (Ben, Mama, Papa, Nate, Glenn, Little Bear, Dean, Cory, Ben) for being the village that has raised this man.

And lastly, thank you to the arrowmen of tomorrow. Though I find very many personal benefits during my life of cheerful service, I see no greater than fostering the potential of future generations. By living the words of our solemn obligation we are truly capable of catalyzing each other to utilize our own unique talents and abilities to make a positive impact on our continuously demoralizing society. If you stand in a place of legitimate power, you alone hold the door for others to discover themselves, to move society to a greater or less place. If you are the one standing on the wrong side of a closed door, keep knocking, quantum mechanics says there's still a chance you'll be able to walk through it. And once you do, because you will, don't forget to open the door for everyone else.

*"He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellow's greatest."—Meteu*

Yours forever in WWW,  
Vaughn E. Golden

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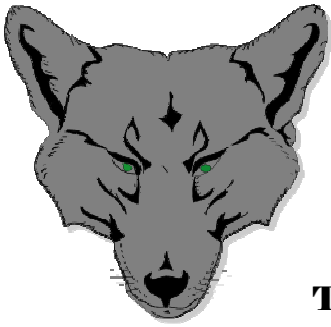
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