

WOLF'S TALE

THE EYES AND EARS OF KITTATINNY LODGE 5
HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL, BSA



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FEATURING NOAC 2000 COVERAGE

If you didn't go to NOAC this year, you can read all about it here, then sign up for the next one in 2002!

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

The past two years serving on the lodge on slate has been an enriched learning experience for me. These two years have allowed me to develop a great love the Order and the purpose it serves.

I've seen the lodge grow a great deal, especially last year when I had the opportunity to serve as Vice Chief of Activities. I've become very proud of our lodge, and see even more brimming potential for growth within our membership. I've met many young Arrowman and have come to realize that each of you have skills which can be used to serve our lodge. I encourage each of you to take an active part in our lodge, in whatever way is most convenient for you.

I look forward to serving the lodge this year as Chief and I am confident that my fellow officers, committee chairmen, and advisors are prepared and willing to strengthen this lodge by tapping the potential for growth which I have just eluded to. Now that Summer Camp is over I am fully able to put my best foot forward for the lodge. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding anything concerning the OA.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk, Joe Buchert Lodge Chief

VICE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

As I embark on my year as Vice Chief Administration, I look forward to the new challenges that this position entails. Along with my fellow officers, we will try our best to improve the lodge for you. I plan to fulfill the position to the best of my ability and hope that we have a great year of brotherhood and service.

Yours in Brotherhood, Tom Rahn - VC Administration

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

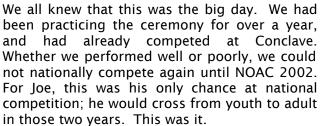
I'm looking forward to working with all of you this upcoming year. The rest of the slate and I hope to make this year better than the last. This is no small task, in fact, it is going to be a worthy challenge. I am confident, however, that we will succeed.

I hope to fulfill my term as Lodge Secretary to the best of my ability. I have many new ideas for the Lodge. Join me as I try to make them a reality.

> Yours in Cheerfulness, Chad Shade - Secretary

THE NOAC CEREMONIES EXPERIENCE

It was Tuesday, the biggest day of NOAC for four members the Kittatinny 5 contingent. It was the day of their ceremonies competitions. Buchert, Joe Bobby Cook, Mike Miller and I got dressed into our regalia immediately after breakfast. On the walk down to the fields open where the competition was being held, the butterflies were already beginour stomachs.



At the ceremonies "testing grounds," there were four tarps, each giving shade to a group of three judges. We were sent to join four other teams at one of the tarps. The order of performances was based on NOAC experience of the team, and, with Bobby and Mike already having competed at NOAC '98, we were slotted to go third. During the first two ceremonies, I found myself growing incredibly restless and anxious. Then, finally, it was our turn to compete. For the next twenty minutes, I was no longer Jonathan Trump. We had now become



being field, the butterflies were butterflies were already beginning to form in Hard work pays off. Joe Buchert, Bobby Cook, Mike Miller, and Jonathan Trump pose at the 2000 NOAC ceremonies competition in Knoxville. Kittatinny took Merit status in the competition for their performance. Later, Joe also took Merit status for his performance of the Vigil ceremony.

Nutiket (Mike), Meteu (Bobby), Allowat Sakima (Joe), and Kitchkinet (me). From Nutiket's splendid opening, which stunned and surprised all of us, to the point where I led the candidates away, we were all very pleased with our performance. After the last team competed. the judges met with us and awarded us with a Merit standing, just a hair short of Honor, highest recognition of a cere-

mony. We were delighted. We had come, we had performed, and we had conquered.

Later that afternoon, after Mr. Barner treated us to lunch at Ruby Tuesday's, Joe also competed in the Vigil ceremony. He also was awarded with Merit as well, evidence of his incredible performance. But afterwards, when we discussed it, the awards were not really what made the whole competition necessary. The sheer fact that we put together a team, through practice, dedication, and hard work, that was on a nationally competitive level, was what blew our minds. We went in front of the whole nation and showed off what we do for the new candidates of our lodge. I only hope that the new Ordeal candidates of September and the Vigil candidates of November are as impressed with our ceremonies as the judges were. That is what will make it all worthwhile.

- Jonathan Trump

GREETINGS FROM THE NEW LODGE ADVISOR

Mv Brothers.

As I begin my tenure as Lodge Advisor I know it will be two years of fun, and a new challenge working with the youth in our lodge and Scouting, after working the last ten with adults.

I know it will be fun as I have seen our lodge come a long way since I became a member in 1986.

The last year as Associate Advisor was a learning experience. The officers, committee chairmen, and advisors did a great job. To the membership who attended the weekends I offer many thanks.

Looking to the coming year I know we will go forward. As I watched our youth members of the lodge and Joe Buchert and his staff providing an outstanding program at summer Camp I know it will be a good year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about our lodge, whether youth or adult, fell free to call me at anytime.

Yours in Scouting, Dick Keppler Lodge Advisor

WOLF'S TALE AND WEB SITE TAKE TOP HONORS

Kittatinny took top honors in two other contests at NOAC: Newsletters and Web Sites. Wolf's Tale was 1 of 8 lodges to attain National Honor Newsletter out of 74 competing. Kittatinny5.org was one of 12 lodges to attain National Honor Web Site out of 90 competing lodges. Congratulations to the Publications committee.



NOAC 2000 NATIONAL DONOR NEWSLETTER

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Hi Brothers,

What an amazing summer I've had.

I started in June at GPU stadium joining thousands of Scouts howling for the Reading Phillies. They had 4 mascots and wouldn't let me on the field-they said a Wolf would scare Bucky the Beaver. Go figure!

I also was at the stadium again for the Council Program Launch. I watched our Lodge leadership interact with everyone who stopped by their information table. They did a nice job.

I then spent a week at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation and saw some fantastic things. I watched our summer chieftain lead the lodge in a fantastic summer program. The callout ceremony brought a tear to my eye (well, maybe it was the smoke).

I then wandered over to Day Camp and saw little guys having a lot of fun. I think it's so neat they call some of them wolves!

Later at the end of July, I snuck aboard a van headed to Knoxville. You didn't think I'd miss NOAC, did you! I've been to every one so far. It was tough sitting on that bumper for 600 miles, but I made it. After they stopped for lunch, I slid off the bumper and had to run after the van. It probably looked like a scene from National Lampoon's "Summer Vacation"

Finally we made it to NOAC. It was so good to see a lot of old friends again. Bill the Buffalo from TaTanka Lodge and I have been old friends for years.

The opening show was great as usual, but then I heard a real familiar voice, I looked up on the stage and there was our very own Jordan Hitchens-National Vice Chief. I sat up a little taller in my seat and notice the whole Kittatinny family did the same. Then I'm sorry to admit, I lost control. It just came out of nowhere and I started howling with pride. I hope I didn't embarrass the contingent too much. Sorry, guys!

I spent the week wandering around the campus, had lunch with a good friend; Smokey the bluetick coonhound. Nice guy-kept wanting to trade a football jersey for one of those nice chenilles the boys had.

Then I saw something that made me stop and think. There on the campus was this statue of some guy holding a torch. The statue was nice, but it was the inscription that made me think.

The inscription reads, "One who bears the torch shadows oneself to give light to others." I instantly thought of our very own Elangomats, who toil thanklessly but do a great job helping candidates become brothers.

In closing I would like to urge each of you to be an Elangomat at a weekend in the next year. "Give light to others - help them see the arrow!"

Flow Rebmit

BROTHERHOOD DAY REMINDER

Brotherhood Day has been moved to a Saturday this year to better fit in with the Vigil Weekend. A registration form the November 4th event is on Page 3. You need not be Brotherhood to attend, you just won't be able to view the ceremony. Come out and join us in service, fun, food, and fellowship.

Ordeal members with at least 10 months in the Lodge are encouraged to seal their membership in the Order by completing the Brotherhood requirements.

SUMMER CHEIFTAIN'S THANKS

My Brothers in the Wimachtendienk,

Entering this year as the Summer Chieftain at camp, I must admit that I was more than a little nervous about what the fate of the newly written ceremonies would be. That apprehension, however, was quickly alleviated as I was barraged by countless offers to help the ceremonies succeed. I must offer a heart felt 'thank you' to each and every person who helped throughout the summer, for without their help the ceremonies would have most certainly failed.

As I sit here now in reflection I am overcome when I visualize the great Lodge Spirit that was present as lodge members took time out of their busy schedule to come up to camp on Wednesday nights. Take pride in knowing that, because of this lodge's efforts, we now have ceremonies to be proud of but, more importantly, we have shown that when our lodge bonds together great things can be accomplished.

- Joe Buchert

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A Bi-Monthly Report About a Committee
This Issue: Kittatinny Inc.

Dear Brothers of Kittatinny 5,

Hello, my name is Dan Bingamon and I am the Kittatinny Inc. chairman. First off, I would like to thank everyone who made purchases from Kittatinny Inc. at the April and May weekends and especially at summer camp. Just remember, by purchasing from Kittatinny Inc., your money is going to help out our very own lodge. We will have many items at the September weekend and at Brotherhood Day, including collectibles and OA paraphernalia.

I hope to see you all in September and I hope you come check out Kittatinny Inc.

Sincerely, Dan Bingamon



REMEMBERING NOACS

I had the pleasure of attending the 1992 NOAC at the University of Tenn. With my oldest son for his first time at NOAC. It was a wonderful experience that we both shared.

Several NOACs later I have again visited the University of Tenn. Where the 2000 NOAC was held. This time with my youngest son along for his first NOAC experience. I found myself catching the Spirit and Camaraderie of a NOAC through both the oldest and youngest members of our delegation. I found this to be a time of renewal for my OA Spirit and the reasons why I can share a common bond with my son and the youth of our delegations. The most stirring part of NOAC for me was still when 7,000 arrowmen stand, link hands, and sing the song of the Order.

- Mike Barner, Sr.

ABOUT NOAC

NOAC 2000 marked my 3rd NOAC and first as an adult leader. Attending the conference as an adult leader provided more time for reflection but also more responsibility. Overall, the most influential aspect of the conference in my eyes was the training sessions. Staging the Vigil presented new options for the Lodge to adopt, and the American Indian workshops provided a great learning experience. Founder's Day and Arrowtest showcased he specialties and flavors of each Lodges' area, and food and fellowship was experienced by all. Ruby Tuesday provided a nice break from the dining hall food, and the shows presented both the Native American tradition of the OA and the Conference theme of "Bound in Brotherhood led by the Spirit". NOAC 2000 was a wonderful combination of training, fun, fellowship, and brotherhood, and I hope that NOAC 2002 is just as good.

- Bryan Drey

THROUGH YOUNG NOAC EYES

As the youngest person to attend this NOAC I thought NOAC was very interesting, especially the Indian dancing, which was my favorite part. The best day that we were there was Founder's Day, which was great, from the food to the games and the events that were held. During Founder's Day we were allowed inside to get some free stuff. Later in the week, on Wednesday, there was a laser light show which was spectacular. It was so amazing that, with all the music and lights, you wouldn't believe it. NOAC was by far the best trip I ever went on.

- Joe Phillips

LED BY THE SPIRIT

Weekends are fun, Conclaves too, but NOAC is a state of mind. This year's National Order of the Arrow Conference was held at the University of Tennessee. The theme, "Bound in Brotherhood, led by Spirit", was successfully captured in those six eventful day. Nationally, our newsletter and website ranked in the highest bracket. Our ceremonies team was also honored for both Vigil and Ordeal ceremonies. Kittatinny Lodge 5 is also the proud home of the 2000 National Vice Chief.

There was so much to do at NOAC that some of us feigned sleep. In the mornings, the contingent attended training cells and learned many skills to better our lodge. After lunch, we were given the hard choice between several activities like observing ceremonies and dancing, playing sports, or participating in OA jeopardy, to name a few. The evening shows alone were well worth the journey to Tennessee. Each night, a new and thought-provoking show pulled all of the lodges together. It is difficult to describe the excitement involved with the conference, NOAC

should definitely be experienced first hand, especially as a member of Kittatinny 5.

As this past year's Conference/Conclave chairman, I must thank several people. Firstly, I would like to thank the contingent for being a cooperative and well mannered group of individuals. I couldn't have asked for a friendlier bunch of brothers, well, except for Tom Rahn, he became painful. Secondly, I would like to thank the two gentlemen that made NOAC happen. Through their hard work and dedication. NOAC ran smoothly. It was a pleasure being Mr. Barner's chairman. I hope we can work on other projects in the future. Also, Mr. Reichart has always looked out for me. I thank him for all his help throughout the years. Lastly, I would like to cheerfully welcome the next Conference/ Conclave chairman into office. In short, I had a great time and I am looking forward to future NOACs.

> Yours in Brotherhood, Chad Shade Secretary

FIRST TAKES ON NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE 2000

Performing the ceremony at NOAC was incredible. Just the honor to compete, then knowing how well we did, really made it wonderful.

- Jonathan Trump

Training was good. Shows were great, but the thought of 7,000 plus Arrowmen together for one purpose is the most impressive thought of all.

- Mike Mille

The dancing and drumming were both amazing, and the laser light show was most impressive. But when everybody sang the song of the Order it meant something really special.

- Alex Barner

When I first saw the dancing and drumming it meant something special. I never saw it before NOAC but when I did I got hooked. My first NOAC was a great experience. - Ryan Gebely

NOAC is a great experience that I'll never forget. I am especially thankful for the friendship and brotherhood that was present. All the programs revolved around making and strengthening friendships with new people. It was really cool and fun.

- Steve Philips

This was my first NOAC trip. I was really impressed with all the stuff that was there. It was really cool and I liked it very much. I'm hoping to go to the next NOAC.

Joe Philips

Many people found it humorous that I was the "rookie" lodge chief who had not attended a NOAC. Rookie or not, NOAC proved to be one of the most memorable events of my Scouting experience thus far. What meant most, however, was the strong bonds of brotherhood that I could feel overcome the 8000 people as we sang the Song of the Order. It was truly a moving experience.

- Joe Buchert

Among all the things at NOAC, four of them really stood out. They were the four shows. The shows made an incredible impact with the effects, awards, and histories. The last show, or the closing show, was the most incredible of all four. It mixed a really cool laser light show with a humorous story that taught us all something.

- Josh Abramowicz

Trading and meeting people from all across the country, and the shows were probably the best part of NOAC.

- Dan Bingamon

This was my first NOAC and it was a great experience. It was really cool to meet arrowmen from all across the country. Working and talking with them during the many activities at NOAC was great. I'm also new in the lodge, so it was a grand experience for me to meet and get to know the brothers in my lodge better.

- Tony Setley

There were many things at NOAC that I consider "rememberable", but the one that sticks out in my mind was the time I carried our lodge flap into the arena. Every lodge chose one person to carry in the respective flaps, and our lodge chose me. It was fun, despite the fact that we stood with our flaps for two hours before the show; I got to talk to many different lodges in our region and even our Section. I thank Glenn Piper for making our flap, no other lodge's flap compared to it.

- Chad Shade

I can't decide whether the best part was the food or the free stuff at Founder's Day. It was my first one and I know I'll be coming back for more of them.

- Shaun Baer

My favorite part of NOAC was the shows. Sure this is only my 2^{nd} NOAC, and I could compare shows, but this year's shows were really interesting. The other thing that was interesting was the patch trading. You get to meet new people, and as Mr. Barner shared with me, every patch has a different story to itself.

- Tom Rahn

Twenty three years after my first NOAC it still remains an incredible, enlightening experience. The forces change and the technology moves on. However, the real feeling of NOAC always lives on. The feeling of Brotherhood, created in '77, continues to live on in the new century.

- Mike Reichart

NOAC was an experience of a lifetime! This was my first time and I was impressed by our lodge. The youth and adults attending set an example of what an Arrowman should be. Our group was sharp, very well mannered and participated 100% in all their events, competitions, learning cells, etc. Hawk Mountain Council should be proud that such a group of young men represented Kittatinny 5 at a National Event. My most memorable event was final show when everyone joined in singing the song of the Order. It made me feel good to be a brother in such an exciting event. I also felt the Rededica-

LODGE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sep 15-17

NE Region NLS H.M.S.R.

Sep 29-Oct 1

Sept Weekend H.M.S.R.

Nov 4

Brotherhood Day

H.M.S.R.

Nov 4-5

Vigil Weekend H.M.S.R.

tion Ceremony reminded us all the true meaning of being a brother. Thank you Lodge for a wonderful experience.

- Della Drey

The Conference had expected problems with program location changes. Overall experience, however, was very good. The youth of our lodge is to be commended for their behavior. They set a fine example for the rest of the lodge. The only real problem though, was the food not being up to par-both in size of servings and selections (couldn't handle the runny-luke-warm eggs).

- Barry Drey

BRING OUT THE PATCHES AT SEPTEMBER WEEKEND

Want to learn more about our Lodge's rich history? Then you'll definitely want to be at the September weekend. Some of you may remember the good old times we shared at cracker barrels, huddles around enormous flap collections from our lodge. Lodge flaps are a different facet of the Order of the Arrow. Every collector has a different and interesting story for each flap. There is no better way to meet people and celebrate Kittatinny's proud past! Please, if you are a collector, bring down your patches, bring your pins, your chenilles, and your cards. Not only bring it this weekend, but bring your patches down every weekend, so that we may all share stories at cracker barrels. No need to contact anyone, just be spontaneous and bring it all down. Tables will be provided for all collection sets so that everyone can a nice look at the proud history of Kittatinny 5. Any and all collections brought to the weekends will be protected as best as possible. So come on down to the next weekend and bring some of our history down there with you.

Sept. 30, 31, Oct. 1 - OA Weekend Registration

*** Kittatinny Lodge Member Registration Form *** *** Please Print Clearly - Dues Payment form on opposite side ***
Name:
Lodge Member ID#:
Phone: ()
Ordeal members with 10 months in the lodge are eligible for Brotherhood test ing. 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 Kit tatinny Web Site (www.kittatinny5.org). Thank you.
FEES: [] \$15.00 - After SEPT. 10 Full or Partial Weekend [] \$10.00 - Before SEPT. 10 Full Weekend [] \$6.00 - Before SEPT. 10 Partial (2 meals) [] \$14.00 - 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

4901 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

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	[] \$14.00 - Additional Brotherhood Testing Fee
	ONLY for eligible Ordeal Members

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NEW LODGE POLICY ON NOAC SIGNUP TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

The following policy is effective immediately and will be used to determine selection of participants (Youth and Adult) for all future NOAC's (National Order of the Arrow Conference)

Signup for each NOAC will officially begin with the printing of the September Wolf's Tale 2 years prior to NOAC. Therefore, NOAC 2002 signup begins now.

The following adults will be selected to go first (Based on available space):

- 1) Lodge Adviser
- 2) Lodge Staff Adviser (or designee)
- Associate Lodge Adviser
- Conference/Conclave Adviser 5) Ceremonies and/or Dance Team Adviser

(only if a Ceremonies and/or Dance Team has signed up to compete). Minimum 4 participants each.

The above mentioned adults have until January 1st of the year of NOAC to signup with a \$100.00 deposit and be assured a spot (example: January 1, 2002 is the cutoff for NOAC 2002).

Other adults may also signup by January 1, 2002 with a \$100.00 deposit and will be selected (based on available space) by the following criteria:

1) These adults will be selected by the number of previous NOACs attended, with those with the least number of NOACs attended being given first priority. Any ties will be broken by the date of signup.

Youth signup will be based on a similar criteria (Based on available space):

- Lodge Chief
 - (who's term ends July 31st of the year of NOAC)
- Immediate Past Lodge Chief Lodge Officers
- 3)

Lodge Member ID #

(those who's term ends July 31st of the year of NOAC) Ceremonies and/or Dance team members. (Full team must signup to qualify)

All of the above must signup by January 1st of the year of NOAC to hold that spot. Additional youth may signup by January 1st of the year of NOAC. These youth will be selected on a first-come/first-served based on the actually date they signup w/ a \$100.00 deposit.

If you signup for NOAC and are not selected your \$100.00 deposit will be fully refunded. You will not be entitled to any other rights or privileges.

The pre-NOAC ordering of NOAC flaps, T-shirts, Chenilles, Pins and other memorabilia will be restricted to only NOAC participants and NOAC accepted Support Staff members. It is the hope of the executive committee that by doing this we will be able to have our youth attend a NOAC with some very hot commodities if they choose to trade. No one else will have access to these items until the September weekend immediately following NOAC, when these items will go on sale to the general lodge population-after the Saturday ceremonies.

NOAC 2002 EARLY REGISTRATION FORM

HEY — IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY!

NOAC 2002 will be held at the Indiana University, Bloomington from July 27 to August 1, 2002 (our actual travel dates may vary).

Total cost to be determined, but will include:

Lodge Position Held

Transportation, accommodations, all meals, 2 NOAC flaps, 1 NOAC chennile, 1 contingent T-Shirt, plus more.

Phone # Name Unit # Address City, St Zip Age I will compete in ceremonies or dance E-mail address (if any) competition (Circle one) Yes/No

Youth or Adult

Other members of ceremonies/dance team

have enclosed a minimum deposit of \$100.00 and understand that all names with deposits will be accepted based on the Lodge policy printed above.

Mail fee, envelope, and completed form to:

Hawk Mountain Council, BSA - Attn: NOAC 2002 4901 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605

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This form is to be used only if you currently have dues paid for the year 1999 and are registered with the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA.

Enclose a self-addressed envelope with proper postage affixed if you would like your membership card sent to you by U.S. mailed.

Lodge Membership Dues - \$10.00

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