



WOLF'S TALE

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



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

My Brothers,

Thank you for a successful Brotherhood Day in November. We made numbers, so our Lodge has once again attained Quality Lodge for the year 2000. This is just another achievement which shows the devotion and quality of our lodge. We should be proud of our accomplishments, but remember, there is always room for improvement. We only made Brotherhood conversion quotas by a very short amount. In the upcoming year we must strive to improve upon this phenomena that proves to be a weakness of our lodge. Together we can do it. The winter months are now upon us and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of your obligation to continue in Service to your units over these upcoming cold months. Your units need your leadership and devotion to continue running, after all, without each unit the OA would not exist. One important thing to keep in mind is the Troop/Team Representative program. If your unit does not yet have one, now would be the optimal time to get one set up. If you have any questions regarding this process contact myself or any of the other officers. We are hard at work getting this program off it's feet at the council level, but the program can only succeed if each unit has a troop representative. This is also a great time to get involved in that committee you've had your eye on, but have not yet taken active involvement. Each committee is now hard at work preparing to make improvements for the lodge. Help them out, they are always looking for new insight.

During these months remember that the lodge does not cease activity. We are hard at work during executive committee meetings planning for next year. Feel free to come any of those exec meetings, for they are open to all lodge membership. One meeting in particular that may be of interest is January's. At this meeting we will be voting on the design for the new lodge flap. Your voice can not be heard if you are not there, so come to the meeting and let your opinion be heard. If you can't make meetings but still have an idea you think is worthwhile, call any of the officers and we will be sure to present it to the executive committee.

In the same respect, remember that I am here to serve you and if you have any questions you should feel free to contact me. I look forward to a great winter in preparation for this upcoming Spring.

Joe Buchert
Lodge Chief

FAREWELL FROM YOUR STAFF ADVISER

By now, I am sure most of you have heard that I have decided, upon careful consideration, to resign my position with the Council. This was the most difficult decision I have ever had to make, but I feel it is the right one. It is time for me to move forward with my career.

I can't even begin to describe how thankful I am to all of the wonderful arrowmen that I have come to love, cherish, and appreciate. I have been humbled over the years by the shining example some of you have lived in your daily lives. I hope that you will continue to be an inspiration and example to those that will follow.

In addition, words cannot express how much I have enjoyed my term as Lodge Staff Adviser. It has been my privilege to watch many fine young boys grow into fine young men. I only hope that at some point or at some time I was able to have had a small part in that growth. I am so proud of so many of you, and I am sure that you will all continue to carry on the work that we began together.

I will miss you all greatly, but I will not say goodbye. Instead I am going to look forward to the many times I hope we will see each other again. Cherish these times you have, for I now know how they pass too quickly, and keep your spirit in this, your brotherhood of cheerful service.

Forever in Brotherhood,

JoAnne Schoffstall
Lodge Staff Adviser



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEEKS FLAP DESIGNS

The Executive Committee is in the process of selecting a new flap design because our run of the current flap is running out quickly. We have several designs, but would like to extend the opportunity to submit flap designs to all lodge members. At a minimum, new flap designs must include the following elements:

- 1 - The lodge totem, the Timber Wolf
- 2 - The words "Kittatinny Lodge 5"
- 3 - A fleur-de-lis (trefoil)
- 4 - The letters "WWW"

We welcome any and all new designs. The new flap design will be voted on at the January Lodge Executive Committee meeting on January 20. All designs must be submitted before that date. Designs may be submitted to Steve Dabler via email at vcactivities@kittatinny5.org or may be brought to the meeting in person. We look forward to seeing all of the new designs. May the best flap win!

FROM THE BROTHERHOOD CHAIRMAN

My Fellow Brothers,

The Brotherhood committee would like to congratulate all new brotherhood members who took their review in September and November. A special thanks to those brothers who helped review, especially the people at Brotherhood day when we were short handed. Next, we would like to remind all those who have been or will be an ordeal member for 10 months or more, to come on out and take there brotherhood review in April or May. By doing this you can encourage younger scouts, learn more about the order and our lodge, and make your sash more fashionable with a red bar at each end of the arrow. We will also need brothers to help review in April and May, If you are interested you can contact me or let me know April weekend.

Yours in brotherhood,
Mike Miller
Brotherhood Committee Chairman

LLDC & BROTHERHOOD DAY A SUCCESS

Your officers, chairmen, and Brothers had a busy day at Hawk Mountain in November. They gathered for a two-fold purpose. First, they came together to sharpen their leadership skills and increase their knowledge at Kittatinny 5's second Lodge Leadership Seminar. Planned and conducted by the Executive Committee, the seminar featured informative and fun presentation designed to challenge and inspire the participants. Everyone walked away for the seminar with a sharpened purpose and new ideas about how the lodge should work. Hopefully the ideas learned will be put forth by these Brothers to improve our lodge.

The second reason the lodge met in November was to induct new Brothers in the Brotherhood Honor. A small but much appreciated group of Brothers sacrificed their afternoon to seal their membership and satisfy their Obligation to the lodge. This group allowed the lodge to *narrowly* meet its Brotherhood conversion goals for the year. Heartfelt thanks go to these Brothers for their participation. We hope to see enough Brothers seal their bonds by becoming Brotherhood members next year at the service weekends to avoid the last minute worries we felt this year at Brotherhood Day.

In sum, our November gathering was a productive and enjoyable time for all Brothers present. The officers and the lodge appreciate the time and effort that everyone contributed to make it a success.



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CHAIMAN'S REPORT

This Issue: Ordeal

Brothers,

It's been a slow couple months, but the Ordeal Committee is still active. We are currently planning an Elangomat training day. If you recall, the Elangomats are those among our brothers, who re-dedicate themselves to our order by helping with the Ordeal. Dates have not yet been set, but we hope to have them established by the issue of the Wolf's Tale. If anyone is interested in becoming an Elangomat or member of the Ordeal committee, give me or my adviser a call. There is a current need for Elangomats especially.

Also, the Ordeal committee has some very new and exciting ideas. If you have any ideas about the Ordeal experience, don't be afraid to call. Our numbers are on the back of the Wolf's Tale.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Josh Abramowicz
Ordeal Committee Chairman

FROM THE VICE CHIEF OF ACTIVITIES

My Brothers,

Old man winter is sneaking up on us quickly. Don't let him fool you into hibernation. Some wolves may sleep away the winter, but certainly not the dedicated wolves of Kittatinny 5! Although the entire lodge will not be meeting over the winter, there are still plenty of chances to stay involved. The Lodge Executive Committee will be meeting monthly starting in January to plan and prepare for the spring weekends. Anyone is welcome to join us at the Council Service Center for these meetings to share you ideas with us.

Besides Executive Committee meetings, the Lodge's standing committees should be busy over the winter as well. Resist the temptation to put off preparations for April and May weekends! As I stated at the LLDC, committees should be sure to meet with your committees frequently over the winter. (If you don't belong to a committee, check the Wolf's Tale leadership directory and give the chairman of the committee of your choice a call to join that committee) If we keep busy over the winter by planning and preparing, we'll have a great program ready for the spring and the lodge will be better than ever!

What's more, you can stay abreast of the latest news and events in the lodge by checking our lodge website frequently at <http://www.kittatinny5.org>. There, you can sign up for eNews, our email newsletter about current events in the lodge. In addition, there are forms for weekends and dues, event updates, and the most current information about our lodge.

Don't let the winter blahs get to you — keep the spirit alive and stay active in the months ahead!

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Steve Dibler
Gischitehen Lekhiket
Vice Chief, Activities

NEW BROTHERS

Congratulations to our newest Brotherhood members:

Youth - John M , John S , Geoffrey H , Adam P , Clayton S , Jeff N , Adam T , Rick D

Adults: Chuck F , Rick D

From the Desk of Flow Rebmit . . .

Hi! I hope as you read this you are having a wonderful holiday season. I know the Rebmit family is busy with the holidays. We always have a howling good time.

I write this month to share with you that JoAnne Schoffstall, our Lodge Staff Adviser for many years is leaving to move on into private business. She has shepherded the Lodge to some amazing accomplishments. Numerous Quality Lodge designation, The E. Urner Goodman Camping Award and many others. We will truly miss her and wish her well.

Let's all take time in the early New Year to make a resolution to be a part of Kittatinny Lodge 5. Many people carry cards and wear sashes, but how many people truly belong. Resolve to attend 1 more Lodge activity than last year and resolve to make cheerful service an every day habit.

See you soon.

Flow Rebmit



ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CLAN CHIEFTAINS

The lodge website can be a great resource for promoting your committee and clan. We can link your email address to the site to allow Brothers to contact you with questions and to volunteer to help you. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send email to webmaster@kittatinny5.org and we will provide you with more information. In keeping with National policy, we can not link to your own web site since we do not have direct control over it's content, but we can provide you space on ours. Also, if you committee has information or news they would like to share with the lodge, you can submit it to the webmaster to add to the site.



AN OA NEW YEAR RESOLUTION LIST

When you turn the calendar and start thinking of New Year resolutions, think about adding some of these to your list:

1. Pay your dues on time.
2. Sign up for Conclave 2001.
3. Attend Summer Camp at Hawk Mt.
4. Attend every OA Weekend in 2001.
5. Join a committee or clan and BE ACTIVE !
6. Volunteer BEFORE being volunteered.
7. Sway with the group when singing the song.
8. Actively support your unit's camping program and be a positive role model.
9. Go out of your way to help someone in need.
10. Meet and learn something about a new person at each OA Weekend.

MORE ABOUT KITTATINNY5.ORG

At the Lodge Leadership Seminar, many questions were brought up about communication within our lodge. The lodge website was highlighted as a supplement to the Wolf's Tale and standard telephone communication between Brothers. Here are some highlights of what is available on the website:

- * **eNews:** Sign up for an email newsletter about current events and lodge news that didn't make Wolf's Tale, as well as reminders about upcoming events.
- * **Forms:** All forms that go into Wolf's Tale are posted on the website for you to print
- * **Lodge History:** A growing archive of Lodge history is being added, including Minsi and Memeu history, meeting minutes, and even patches!
- * **General info:** Learn about lodge committees, officers, lodge bylaws, and frequently asked questions. You can even contact selected committees and the officers by email!
- * **Communication:** Lodge calendar, Wolf's Tale, eNews.
- * **Camping:** A virtual tour of HMSR, the new Where to Go Camping booklet in PDF format.
- * **Program:** Information about the OA program at camp, and other OA summer programs.

The website changes weekly, as we are always updating and adding new information. If you haven't visited us yet, click by and browse throughout the resources we've made available, at <http://www.kittatinny5.org>.

Steve Dibler & Glenn Piper
Webmaster Web Admin. Adviser

WE WANT YOU !

Volunteer to help out your lodge today! Call up either the Ceremonies Committee (for helping out with ceremonies) or the Ordeal Committee (for helping out by being an Elangomat) to see how your help could be used.

GOT OA IDEAS OR QUESTIONS ?

Have you ever had a good idea and didn't know where to take it? Have you every had a question but cant find the right person to ask? Have you every known what to ask, or who to talk to about it, but now you cant find that person?

You probably answered yes to at least one of these questions, you know you did. To tell you the truth I have too. Sometimes it is hard - but don't worry, help is around you. One of the best things to do is to ask around. Your friends, family, scout leaders, kids in your troop, or even people at the weekends who look important. Because chances are, one of those people can help you out. And if they can't, maybe they can get someone who can.

Another thing that you can do to find out these answers is check out the Internet. You can get

in contact with of all the officers and most of the chairman at the Official Kittatinny 5 web site ([kittatinny5.org](http://www.kittatinny5.org)). Don't have a computer? You could also look on the last page of the Wolf's Tale. On it are the phone numbers of all the officers, chairmen, and their advisors. Another place to get in touch with people are the various meetings the Lodge has. Meetings like the clan meetings, brotherhood day, and especially the weekends.

So, in other words, ask around, get involved, and don't be afraid to ask. After all, there are people there that can help you, as long as you say something to them.

Yours in Scouting,
Steve Phillips
Conclave/Conference Chairman



? CONCLAVE ?

What's a Conclave? Well I bet you that some of you out there might not know what a Conclave is. That is why I am going to explain it to you by answering some questions that you might be wondering about.

First off, what do you do at Conclave? Well, there are training sessions, ceremonies, competitions, cracker barrels, shows, feasts, and other fun filled activities.

When is Conclave? Conclave is June 8th to June 10th, 2001.

What kind of food will be served at Conclave? The best kind there is, camp food and lots of it. Other good food will be served too, and if you need special food they will make sure to get it for you.

Can you buy a Conclave tee shirt? Yes, but you need to pre-order when you get the signup form.

Are there Ceremony Competitions there? Ceremony Competitions are one of the many different competitions that take place at Conclave.

How many people can go to Conclave? From our lodge we have a quota of only 30 people. Therefore space is limited and it is good to sign-up early.

Who all goes to Conclave? All the lodges in our section, NE4A, go to Conclave. The lodges in our section include Unami, Wyona, Oclararo, Witauchsoman, Woapeu-Sisilija, Wunita Gokhos, and of course us, Kittatinny Lodge V.

Where is Conclave being held at? Each year Conclave is held somewhere else, by a different lodge. Conclave for 2001 is being held by Wunita Gokhos, so Conclave is being held at their camp, Camp Mac, in Lancaster.

What do you do for fun and fellowship at conclave? There is a big feast, cracker barrels, competitions, games, and lots of other fun things to do.

Why won't I use pronouns instead of constantly saying conclave? Because the best way to make people remember something is to repeat it. Thus the repetitive conclaves.

Are there conclave pins and patches? Come on this is a Boy Scout/OA event and find out. Besides, when was the last event you went to that didn't have a pin or patch. Of course they have patches and matching hat pins. Finally, who can answer (or try to answer) any of my other questions? Why that would be that awesome Steve Phillips kid you know. That's right, the Conference/Conclave Chairman.

So don't you just want to sign up for conclave right now? Hopefully you will it, because it will be a great time for all.

That leaves us with one last question — When can I join up for conclave? The paper to sign up is coming out in January.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Steve Phillips
Conference/Conclave Chairman

**2001
LODGE CALENDAR**

Jan	18	Lodge Exec Mtg. 7:30 - Council Office
Feb	15	Lodge Exec Mtg. 7:30 - Council Office
Mar	15	Lodge Exec Mtg. 7:30 - Council Office
Apr	20-22	OA Service Weekend H.M.S.R.
May	18-20	OA Service Weekend H.M.S.R.
Jun	8-10	Section Conclave Camp Mack
Sep	14-16	OA Service Weekend H.M.S.R.
Nov	3	Bro Day & Vigil Weekend H.M.S.R.

OA WORD PUZZLE

See if you can find the 12 hidden words in this Order of the "Arrow" Puzzle.

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| WOLFS TALE | NOAC |
| CHEERFUL | SERVICE |
| KITTATINNY | CAMPING |
| ARROW | CONCLAVE |
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Have a howling good time in 2001 !

Pay up your dues on the opposite side of this clip form and enjoy a full year of OA activities plus keep your Wolf's Tale coming bi-monthly direct to your house !

April 20-22 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 testing. 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 Kittatinny Web Site. Thank you.

- FEES: [] \$10.00 - Before APRIL 6 Full Weekend
 [] \$ 6.00 - Before APRIL 6 Partial (2 meals)
 [] \$15.00 - After APRIL 6 Full or Partial Weekend
 [] \$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
5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605**

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AFTER APRIL 13, 2000 - NO WALK INS

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OA REPRESENTATIVE

Has your troop selected their OA representative yet? If not, they should. The OA representative has the official job of telling when OA functions occur, such as weekends, Brotherhood Day, or just telling when the OA might need volunteers. They also have the responsibility to do other things which involve the OA, such as getting a date set up for OA elections and making sure that a troop might be actively involved in the OA. If you don't have one, talk to the boys in your troop that are in the OA. One of them has got to be willing to take cheerful service !

DO YOU LIKE SCARY CONCLAVES?
IT'S COMING...

Conclave 2001 - June 8-10
 It's Gonna be BIG !

YEAR 2001 DUES - KITTATINNY LODGE V

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Lodge Membership Dues - \$10.00

Name: _____

Lodge Member ID#: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

I certify that I am registered as:

- Registered: Scout Scouter
 Explorer Team Member
- District: Appalachian Broad Mountain
 Cacoosing Daniel Boone
 Frontier Indian Run

Unit: _____ Position: _____

Council Level: Position: _____

Signature: _____

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