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Griffin Price

Hello Arrowmen,

My name is **Griffin Price** and I am excited to serving as your Lodge Chief for the 2019-2020 year. The coming year is filled with many opportunities for service, training, and of course fellowship. One of the main points of my vision for the year is to increase member participation across the board, and we started out with great attendance at our September service weekend!

I'm looking forward to seeing our new chairmen and officers take on their new roles and positions and am excited to see both our existing and new Arrowmen being involved in the Lodge and seeing them spread the joy and fun that is Kittatinny V. Over the next few months we have a lot of fun filled events that will be available for you to attend and get involved in beyond the service weekends.

We welcome you to our monthly Lodge Leadership Committee meetings, we have our annual Lodge Leadership Development coming up soon (stay tuned for the date) and we have a National OA webinar in October where you can learn more about the OA, our Lodge and about best OA practices across the country. The Lodge banquet is coming up and I hope to see you all there to help celebrate the achievements of the 2019 Lodge year. Of course as we move into next year we have our election season in Jan/Feb, our spring service weekends and then NOAC.

There is so much OA fellowship in front of us, and I can't wait to see you all at various events. If you have any suggestions or any questions feel free to contact me at lodgechief@kittatinny5.org.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Service,

Griffin Price

Kittatinny Lodge Chief



Dues Patch Drawing Winners

Congratulations to Cole Butz, Jay Molleca and Bane Lewis! They were the winners of the random patch draw for paying their dues before February 1, 2019.

Don't miss out... Scouts who pay their 2020 dues before February 1st will be entered into a random patch draw.

Be the first to pay your dues next year!

NOTE: Dues reminder email and postal reminder cards will be mailed out in November or December. So we can keep the records straight, please do not pay your dues before the notice has been received. There may be new options!



NOAC 2020

August 3-8, 2020 at Michigan State University will be our next National OA Conference, and you don't want to miss it!

What is NOAC?— It's like the National Jamboree for OA Members!! Unlike the outdoor camping feels of a jamboree, NOAC is set on a college campus as 10,000 Arrowmen take over using all of the schools resources for fun, food, and fellowship. They are held every other year. There is time for OA training, sports, demonstrations, contests, and more. A Spartan Race, 5k, 10k, volleyball, flag football, basketball, ultimate and golf are just some of the events. There are also demo events for SCUBA, climbing, backpacking, etc. The OA also use of the University's pool for swimming. Each night there are big arena theme shows featuring an element of the Order of the Arrow, and usually one night has a guest performer. You don't want to miss these shows! There's some word that it also includes some good food and patch trading as well. The entire NOAC is organized and executed by YOUTH leaders from across the country assisted by committee advisers. You will not believe what a show dedicated youth Arrowman can put on!!!

Still not sure you want to attend? Just talk to a former NOAC attendee, and I'm sure they will convince you this will be the best event of your

OA career! To take a look at what the 2018 NOAC was like, you can visit the 2018 NOAC web page at: <https://noac2018.org/>.

Kittatinny Lodge traditionally takes a full chartered motor coach (54 participants) to this event. Youth members of the lodge (under 21) pay only the cost of the event itself, which this year will be \$545.00. We will again try to do fund-raising (patch sales or other fund-raisers) to fully cover the youth transportation & meals costs for the trip out and back. Adults pay for their own seat on the bus.

Patches will be designed and issued to delegates to the conference for uniform wear, and additional patches can be ordered for trading at NOAC. The final theme for the 2020 NOAC will be announced later this year by the National Chief.

Attending NOAC is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many Arrowmen, but they are such fun, that many return for multiple Conferences to rekindle friendships from Arrowmen from around the country (and world).

Space is limited, and National online registration for NOAC will start in October, but you can reserve your spot NOW, by sending in a \$100 deposit. You can register and pay your deposit online at: <https://kittatinny5.org/noac2020>

Thrive— A National Webinar Event for Lodges

Matt Parsons, the National Chief of the OA has called all lodges to attend **THRIVE**, an interactive live stream webinar for lodges to be held on **Saturday, October 19th from 1-5pm**. Our Lodge will be holding this training at the **Berks County Fire Training Center** near Reading.

This is a National level event, and will focus on rewriting recent declines through redefining roles, a three year recovery plan, and a call to action.

The Lodge Executive Committee would like to make this both a fun and learning event, so the current plan is to include a pizza party. Please pre-registering so we'll know how many people to expect.

There will be breaks throughout the webinar for lodge activities and discussions.

If you are a member of the LEC, the National Chief is expecting you to participate, but anyone in the lodge may attend if they are interested.

More information can be found at: oa-bsa.org

To register for this event, go here: <https://bit.ly/2mlA0Ef>



NOTE: To prevent OA events on two consecutive days, the Officers have decided to hold the regular October LEC Meeting immediately following Thrive Webinar at the Fire Training Center from 5-6pm. All Committee Chairmen and Advisers should already be there.

Lodge Events

Vigil Weekend

October 12th-13th, 2019

This year's Vigil Weekend will be held October 12-13, 2019 at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. Vigil Weekend is open to all Vigil members of the Lodge, and is the time that new Vigil nominees are guided through their Vigil experience. A fellowship seafood dinner will be held Saturday afternoon and a steak-n-eggs breakfast honoring our newest Vigil members will be held Sunday morning. *Congratulations to all our Vigil nominees for 2019!*

Youth: Nathan Bender, Jaydon Hensinger, Jeremy Kirlin, Avery Millisock, Nicholas Spease, Benjamin Weber

Adult: Gordon Araujo Jr., Curtis Fitterling, Brenda Hensinger, James Kirlin, Rudolph Mayrhofer, Peter Schroll

Registration will be open at: <https://bit.ly/2Pv9wy1>



Kittatinny Lodge 5 Fellowship Feast

November 30th, 2019

The weekend following Thanksgiving will once again be the time for our annual Lodge Fellowship Feast and Awards Banquet. The catered affair is our chance to have some fun-n-games, great food, and fellowship with your other arrowmen brothers. The Feast is open to ALL Lodge members, their family, and guests. Many lodge awards and recognitions will be presented— the Founders Awards, Camp Service Award, Spirit Award, and our two James E. West honorees. We also recognize all our new Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members of the class of 2019.

The feast will start at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30th at the Landingville Fire Company, and the cost will be \$25.00.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening will be **U.S. Congressman Glenn "G.T." Thompson** of Pennsylvania's 15th Legislative District. Rep. Thompson has a long history of service in Congress and in Scouting.

If you have any questions, please contact: activities@kittatinny5.org

Registration is open now through November 16th at: <https://bit.ly/2koRCOW>

Arrowman Spotlight

Dick Kepler

As Arrowmen, we all belong to a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. I can think of one person who best exemplifies that tradition. He is Arrowman **Richard Kepler**. "Dick" was elected into the Order of the Arrow when he was a leader in Troop 511, Bechtelsville in 1986. He did his Brotherhood in October 1987 and was nominated into the Vigil Honor in October 1990.



Lodge Positions Held

Advisor to CP&E

Conclave Advisor

Associate Advisor

Only arrowman to hold two terms as Lodge Advisor (Once from 2000-2002 and again from 2011-2013)

Lodge Activities Attended

Staffed five NOACs

2009 Summer staff

Indian Summer staff

Staffed all conclaves at HMSR

Attended numerous conclaves

Leadership Training

National Leadership Seminar

National Lodge Advisor Seminar

Awards

Founders award 2000

Two-time recipient of the Camp Service Award

Advisor Award 2018

Brotherhood Requirement Changes

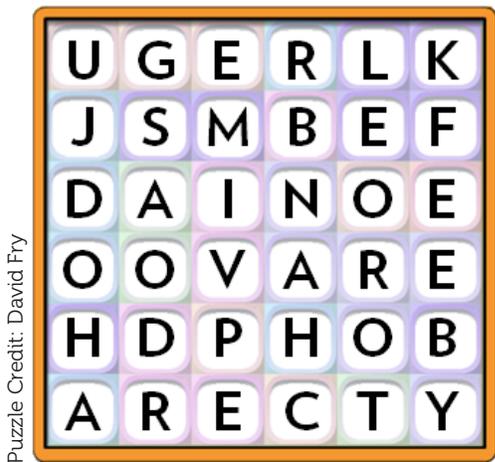
The National Office of the OA announced changes to the Brotherhood Honor requirements earlier this Summer. The amount of time an Arrowman needs to be on Ordeal member has been reduced from 10 months to 6 months, so you can now get to Brotherhood faster! If you take your Ordeal in September, you can now go for Brotherhood the following April or May!

The other requirements have not changed, so you will still need to be active in the OA, write a letter to the Lodge Secretary and study up on your OA knowledge and understanding of the principles of the OA.

Word Wrap

The clue tells you in which direction the answer is found and how many letters are in the answer. A right arrow means the first letter is found on the left side and the last letter is found on the right side. Letters connect to one another horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

➔ 8 Letters	← 11 Letters
Quadrennial event	Fraternal
↓ 6 Letters	↑ 7 Letters
Eastern PA tribe	OA Adult



Puzzle Credit: David Fry

Find the solution at the bottom right corner of page 7

As Lodge Adviser, you get to hear a lot while going around talking to people at various Scouting events. There is no shortage of questions to answer, policies to review, and myths to dispel. Here are a few of my favorites and maybe these are things you have been wondering too:

Statement: *"I was told that unit leaders should not attend OA weekends when their candidates take their Ordeal."*

Far from the truth. As a matter of fact, I strongly encourage unit leaders to attend a Candidates first OA Weekend if they are already a member, and they should be encouraging as many other Arrowmen in their unit to attend as well. There's a huge difference in the reaction and return rate between a Scout sent on his own to his Ordeal compared to one that has the support of his unit. No one likes to be put into a situation where they don't know any of the other people at an event, and they feel alone and isolated. What better way to encourage a young scout in the Brotherhood than to work alongside him during service, eat an evening meal with him, and have another scout from his unit put his sash on him at his Ordeal ceremony. I strongly encourage having others from your unit attend if you send a candidate to take his Ordeal.

Statement: *"I was an Arrowman as a youth, but I don't know how to get active again."*

We've had a noticeable increase in families moving in from other areas of the state and country wanting to keep or re-activate their membership in the Order as their children are coming up through the Scouting program. The old saying "Once an Arrowman, Always an Arrowman" holds true here. If you have parents that are registered in your unit and were previous members of our lodge or another lodge, they can re-activate in Kittatinny lodge. Just be sure to remember that the role of adults in the OA is to be a role model and support and advising our youth members, and to help serve the needs of the lodge, camp, and council. They can simply complete a Lodge Transfer Form (if they were in another lodge) or Lodge Re-instatement Form (if they were a former Minsi, Memeu, or Kittatinny lodge member). The forms are available on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the lodge leadership at chief@kittatinny5.org (youth) or lodgeadviser@kittatinny5.org (adults).

If it's a good question, we'll publish it here for everyone's benefit.

Memeu Lodge Chapel

In 1961, the fruition of a great project was completed at Camp Nisatin with the dedication of a chapel donated and constructed by Memeu Lodge. The project began in the 1950s with the help of all Scouts who attended summer camp. The site was up the mountain off the trail behind Snowball Chapel. All that remains today is the concrete slab that the chapel was built on. When the project started, it was only a big hole in the ground. When the campers attended the Monday evening fire drill, they were told to take a rock as big as they could carry and deposit it in the hole. They did this for at least two years.

It was explained to the campers that they were constructing a Chapel, something the camp did not have at that time. Some active leaders in the project were Jack Menconi, Carl Hafer, Mike Lagowie, and Jack Hill. Others helped lead the project as well.

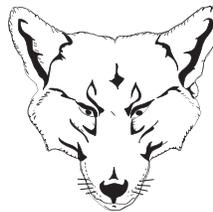
When completed, there were six rows of benches for attendees of Chapel services. At the time of construction, it was in an isolated part of camp and a very solemn place to visit. Most of the work was done by Brothers of the Lodge. The Chapel was finally dedicated at the Lodge Pow Wow in August of 1961.



Register for Website Updates

Register for Kittatinny website updates, and don't miss another announcement. This is yet another way to stay in touch with the latest lodge and OA information.

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