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Brothers,

It is good to get in contact with you once again. It has been far too long. I am more than happy with how our past September weekend has gone. We inducted 37 new Ordeal members and 11 arrowmen sealed their ties in Brotherhood. Considering the hardships that we have all faced this is absolutely phenomenal! We have the highest hopes to exceed this in the April weekend and I hope to see all of you there. I would just like to encourage all of you to become as active as possible in the Lodge, Council, and your home troops. The Lodge Executive Committees have a lot planned for this year. If you would like to hear more of these discussions, our meetings are open to all arrowmen every third Sunday of the month.

I hope to see all of you soon.

WWW,
Avery Millisock
Chief of Kittatinny V
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Hello Brothers / Jeff Davenport

I hope you and your families are all doing well!

It's now February, the beginnings of an exciting year for the lodge that will hopefully look much more normal for everyone involved. Here are some upcoming events of the year that you should make sure to put on your calendar!

- **Lodge Service Weekend #1 (April 16th-17th)**
- **Lodge Service Weekend #2 (May 14th-15th)**
- **2021 Conclave (June 4th-6th)**
- **Lodge Service Weekend #3 (September 17th-19th)**
- **HMC Golden Jubilee (October 1st-3rd)**
- **Lodge 100th Anniversary Banquet (December 4th)**

Other finalized dates as of recently include the Centennial Year Appalachian Trail Service Day (March 27th) and the Lodge 100th Anniversary Day (September 11th).

If you're looking to reignite your involvement in the lodge, I highly recommend you attend the next upcoming Centennial Committee Meetings! They take place via Zoom call on the first Thursday of every month from 7-9pm. It doesn't matter whether you're youth or adult, or what position

you hold in the lodge, everyone is welcome. The links to each meeting are on the Lodge Website's calendar.

Since it is our Lodge's 100th Anniversary year, we're looking to make the Appalachian Trail Service Project this year as large as possible! Because we need to allow the proper amount of time to get the projects together and proper headcounts are a must, if you plan to participate, the deadline for signups will be sometime in early March.

And if you want to participate in all of these exciting events as a lodge member, then you need to make sure you pay your dues ASAP! It is \$20 for the year and you can pay online at kittatinny5.org/dues.

Stay safe and here's to an incredible Centennial year!

Yours In Scouting,
Jeffrey Davenport
Vice Chief of Administration

2021 OA Ordeal / Service Weekends

With the prospects of 2021 being better than 2020, we have two Ordeal/Service weekends coming up in the very near future, April 16-17 and May 14-15. For the Spring, we will continue with the 2-day OA weekend format we used successfully in September 2020.

Candidates only will report to camp on Friday night like they normally would, and hold the Pre-Ordeal ceremony and camp overnight. Saturday morning, all regular members will arrive bright and early for a light breakfast and have cheerful service assignments made, as we break into small-sized, fixed cohort groups to meet Covid restrictions. This seemed to work out quite well in September, and because there are small group sizes, you get to know others a little bit better.

If you are taking your Brotherhood, you will be in your own cohort group so you can spend the day with others talking about and learning about the OA so you can successfully complete your Brotherhood Review before your Brotherhood Ceremony.

At the end of the work day, there will be a bit of down time, some light dinner, and moving into the ceremonies. All participants depart early Saturday evening. We are going to list September weekend as a full three-day weekend, with the understanding that if Covid doesn't release it's chokehold on activities, we'll fall back to the 2-day format in September.

Online registration is available. You can access Tentaroo registration from the Forms Page on the lodge website, the Council Calendar, the Lodge Calendar, or directly from Tentaroo.



THE OLYMPUS ADVENTURE

NE-6B CONCLAVE · JUNE 4-6, 2021



Conclave 2021

Conclave 2021 is a gathering of all the lodges in our section for a weekend of fun, food, learning, competition, and fellowship.

It's one of the best OA activities you can participate in. There are shows, training activities and athletic activities to participate in.

This year, Lodge 317 (Guneukitschik Lodge, Mason-Dixon Council) will be the host lodge and we'll travel to Camp Sinoquipe in Fort Littleton, PA. The theme this year will be "Olympic Adventure" themed around the Olympic games. On the proposed activities list is: swimming relays, boating relays, volleyball, horseshoes, cornhole, competitive shooting (rifle, shotgun, and archery), ultimate frisbee, kickball, basketball, gaga ball, life size games, minefield game, running/race activity and tug of war.

Kittatinny will be allocated, 26 spots to attend, and new this year will be a BYOT (bring your own tent) format, due to their camp's Covid policies and restrictions. The cost for Conclave will be \$45.00 and participants must work out their own transportation to get to/from the event, which is about a 2-hour drive from camp. Signup will be available online and will be announced through email, website, and social media. You don't want to miss this!

NOAC is Back in 2022

National Order of the Arrow Conference to be held at UT, Knoxville

Covid put a major damper on the planned 2020 NOAC trip the lodge was planning to attend at Michigan State University last year, but the national OA leadership will be bringing it back in 2022, as Arrowmen from across the country (and the world) will descend on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville on July 25-30, 2022.

For those who have not experienced NOAC, it's like the National Jamboree for Arrowmen. We'll live in the university dorms, eat in their cafeterias, use all of their buildings and many of their sports facilities for training, activities, amazing arena shows, and displays. Rumor has it some patch trading takes place there too. It's a great way to meet Arrowment from near and far in the spirit of the "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".

The lodge typically takes a motor coach, and the expected cost is around \$545 for youth to attend. Adults pay an additional amount for transportation. Our lodge patch auctions help offset the transportation costs for youth members so they are paying for the event only. And speaking of the patch auctions, the LEC also approved a new NOAC fund-raiser double pocket-flap set in February. Look for it coming out later this year.

NOAC online registration will open in October, but start planning and saving now, as you will not want to miss it !!!

Momentum: Discover April 23-24

The Order of the Arrow's national leadership invites you to join us for **Momentum: Discover**, a national virtual event taking place from **April 23-24**! After months of isolation and quarantine, it's time to get back into the outdoors! At Momentum: Discover, we'll come together as a movement to prepare for a successful summer camp season and recommit ourselves to the joys of camping and the outdoors.

Current OA members and non-Arrowmen are encouraged to join us for a weekend of fun, training, competitions, games, and more! With more than 20 hours of original programming, you surely won't want

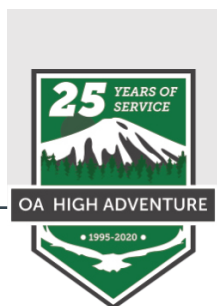
to miss out on exciting updates and interactive games with your 2021 national officers.

Anyone can view the live stream of the Momentum: Discover content at no cost, and no registration is required. The programming will be publicly available online. However, premium delegates, for a fee of \$25, will receive exclusive benefits during this special event experience, including:

- A mailed patch and sticker.
- Access to an archive of streamed program content to view anytime.
- A chance to participate in the event-wide game.
- Access to the Momentum community platform, Slack, to connect with Arrowmen from across the nation.
- Additional opportunities for engagement and interaction.

We hope to see you at **Momentum: Discover** in April!

Registration is now open at registration.oa-bsa.org.



OA High Adventure

If you are looking for something bigger look no further than OA High

and better to challenge your Scouting skills, Adventure.

The OA sponsors programs every summer at each of the BSA High Adventure bases. It's the best kept "non-secret" in Scouting. Twice the time, nearly half the cost, and all you need to do is get there!

We had some interest last year, but Covid shut down some of the bases. National is planning full seasons for 2021 at Canadian Odyssey, Ocean Adventure, Summit Experience, Philmont Trail Crew, and Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. Not only is the cost lower, but there are also scholarships available from both Section NE-6B, as well as the Region (some conditions exist to obtain these scholarships).

If you are interested in participating, go to: oa-bsa.org/high-adventure and talk to one of the officers or lodge advisers for more information.

New Online Tools of Arrowmen

The national office of the Order of the Arrow is releasing new tools to help lodges and Arrowmen reduce costs and communicate better, and to level the playing field for lodges that may not have the resources to do it all themselves.

The tools include the addition of an Induction Module in OA LodgeMaster (the web-program we use to keep track of our lodge), and a new Member Portal, where members will be able to go for a listing of upcoming events, links to register, the ability to self-update information like phone numbers, addresses and email.

The Portal will first be available to new Arrowmen as part of the Induction module. Later this year, it will be available to all lodge Arrowmen. The times are changing, but the OA is keeping up with technology.

This isn't your grandfather's OA! We'll let you know as soon as things become available.



2020 Vigil Class

Congratulations to our 2020 Class of Vigil Honorees, who completed their Vigil on Oct. 4, 2020.

They were:

Galadriel B. Kelly, Lisa Wilder, Elaine J. Price, Christopher Kochel, Jeffrey M. Davenport, James A. Molleca III, Cole Geisinger, David C. Brady, Richard D. Fisher Jr., and Andrew Taylor, who was still attending school out of state in October, completed his Vigil on December 19 in 11 inches of snow. It was a chilly, but definitely memorable and unique experience. How! How!

Camp Promotions & Elections

We are in full swing for unit Camp Promotions and Elections.

Unit leaders should have received their packet at Roundtable or in the mail. You may also have noticed we are beginning to use the electronic registration notices for scheduling your election. The long-range plan is for National to integrate the OA election process with Scoutbook, so you can schedule your election, select those Scouts that are eligible for the OA directly from your roster, print out ballots, etc, streamlining your unit election process.

This year we would appreciate it if each unit can afford the lodge an opportunity to visit, even if you have no eligible Scouts this year, so CP&E team members can share their OA experiences and to promote the OA and Scout camping in units and at HMSR. Please schedule and complete your unit visitation as soon as possible.

If you still need to schedule your unit visitation, or have any questions, please contact your district election team:

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Frontier:	Cody & Randy Harders	484-892-1987	randyharders@yahoo.com

Elangomat = Friend

Be a part of Kittatinny's newest Committee, the Elangomat Committee.

Elangomats are those Scouts who want to be a part of welcoming new members into the lodge and help them on their journey to Brotherhood. Some of the things elangomats will be responsible for are contacting newly elected members to answer any questions they may have prior to coming to take their Ordeal, work with them during their Ordeal, and encourage them to take the next step to Brotherhood after being an Ordeal member 6 months. Basically, they are a friend they will know before coming to their first OA weekend. We are trying to get groups of elangomats spread throughout the council by groupings of school districts, in the hope that they may already know some of the Scouts that are becoming members.

Some training has already taken place, but if you are interested, please contact:

Jacob Keller, Committee Chairman

Service Committe / Nathan Bender

Hello everyone,

My name is Nathan Bender, I'm the service committee chairman. The service committee is the one responsible for organizing and promoting all service within the lodge, this includes OA weekends, and events such as AT service project.

The AT project this year will be at the Fisher Overlook located on blue mountain between routes 501 and 645 on March 27th. This year's project will focus on returning the overlook to a more natural state, and erosion control. This includes dispersing fire rings, and benches, as well as adding water bars on the trail on either side of the overlook. A scout is always prepared so be sure to bring work gloves, a water bottle, lunch, and shovels/spades(any tool to move dirt around). As we move into the 100th anniversary of our lodge remember,

"for he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest." ~ E. Urner Goodman

Health & Safety / Braiden Bice

The Health and Safety committee is a committee that is quite unique to our lodge.

The job of the health and safety committee is to facilitate the check in during weekends by collecting medical forms and checking to make sure everybody is following proper COVID precautions. The committee is also responsible for responding to all medical emergencies on camp that involve the members of our lodge and to ensure we are all being safe!

If you would like to join the committee you will get certified in first aid, cpr, and see usage and many more items please contact me at healthandsafety@kittatinny5.org

Dues are Past Due!

If you have not already done so, please pay your 2021 dues online at:

kittatinny5.org/welcome/dues.

It's a fact that we have been losing members, a trend we would like to reverse immediately.* This may be the last Wolf's Tale you get if your dues are not brought up-to-date. Lodge dues also help support the programs of the lodge.

Most activities are break-even, so other than Kitty Inc. sales, dues pay for all the other things we do in the lodge, like keeping the web site running, covering all the postage, training costs, and much more.

This year is the perfect year to promote and reactivate in the OA if you haven't been a dues paying member in a while. With Kittatinny celebrating 100 years of Lodge 5, we'll have a lot of special activities and events, and maybe even some 100th Anniversary swag to buy in Kittatinny Inc.

Talk to your unit members and if they haven't renewed recently, now is the time to rekindle the fire that burned when they first took their Ordeal. We hope to see you at a lodge event in 2021!

* The reality is that over the last 5 years, our lodge membership has fallen drastically. In 2020, we ended the year with 410 dues-paid members. In 2015, we had 987. You can see our concern, as that is close to 100 members lost each year. There are likely many reasons for some of this: changes to the BSA, decreased membership in units, etc. Despite this, we still want to provide the OA opportunities of leadership development, specialty high adventure, and some of the best training and activity opportunities Scouts can receive.



New Items for Sale!

Keep an eye out for a lot of new items for sale at Kittatinny Inc. With this being the 100th anniversary of the lodge, many new 100th logo'd items were approved at the February LEC. Most of these will be made available via an online pre-order form using Tentaroo, and will be made available for pick-up later this year.

New items that were approved include: 100th Anniv. T-shirt, 100th Anniv. Hoodie, a small logo'd pocket knife, 4 different seasonal pocket and flap sets, stickers, neckerchiefs, small and jacket patches, chenille, and 2 higher end collectors-edition items, an engraved Buck knife and an engraved stainless steel 16oz stein.

A limited amount of additional products will be purchased for those who can't preorder or will be joining later in the year, but if at all possible, you should place your order to ensure you get the items you want.

We'll notify everyone as soon as the online pre-order form is available.

100th Anniversary Award Approved

Hello Brothers.

The Lodge Executive Committee approved a Lodge 5 Centennial Award for 2021. To build upon the purpose of the Order, many of the requirements involve some form of service. Similar to the Lodge Participation Award,

to earn the Centennial Award, members will need to complete a number of requirements from different categories. In addition to participating in some key service projects, there are camping participation options, as well as attending special 100th activities like the birthday party (July 1), or the Anniversary fun-day in

September. There are a number of creative options too, such as submitting entries for a scout camping photo contest², submitting an art project², and designing a patch or neckerchief. You will also need to participate in

some of the lodge activities throughout the year. You'll want to be active in this very special year in the lodge's history. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime award.

A requirements tracking card and further details are available on the lodge website. Click the Centennial Logo on the right of the main page or go to kittatinny5.org/100th-anniversary-lodge-5 for more details.



History Tidbits - 100 Years of Lodge 5

July 1, 2021 will mark the 100th anniversary of Lodge 5 in the Order of the Arrow.

The "5" was the original numbering of lodges as they began to be instituted in councils, so we are the 5th oldest lodge in the country.

The founder of the Order of the Arrow, E. Urner Goodman, came to Berks County to install the lodge at Camp Indiandale, near Vinemont, and we were, for a short time, Indiandale Lodge, and the original totem was a bison. For unknown reasons, the lodge totem was changed shortly thereafter (3-1/2 month on October 25) to the timber wolf, and the name to Minsi Lodge (it is speculated the change was because it aligned better with this geographic area). When Minsi Lodge 5 merged with Memeu Lodge 125 due to the merger of Appalachian Trails Council with Daniel Boone Council in 1971, the lodge retained the number 5 as well as the wolf totem, as was the custom of the day, using the lowest number when lodges merged.



SUMMER JOBS

HAWK MOUNTAIN SCOUT RESERVATION

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2021 will be an important year for the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation.

We're asking OA members to strongly consider a camp staff position as a summer job. As members of the National Honor Society of Scouting, you are some of the best of the best. A successful Summer Camp program begins with knowledgeable staff with a desire to make camping memories for the thousands of campers that visit our program areas each week. Whether it be Cub Camp or Scout Camp, we are looking for those who want to make a difference in the lives of Scouts.

Most Scout camp counselors are at least 16 years of age, but the Scouts BSA and Cub Scout camps have a limited number of jobs for 15-year-olds with previous Senior Leadership Program (counselor in training program) experience.

Contact Michele Bement, Program Director, for more information (Cell: 610-780-9918), or download and send in the staff application form located on the council website.

– Looking for that Summer Job? Consider Camp Staff!

Camp Maintenance Days

It takes a lot of work to keep the camp in good repair, and the OA is a contributing factor in that effort. But the three service weekends we hold each year are not enough to keep our 400+ acres of program area working well and looking good for those that use it throughout the year.

With a few exceptions, the Camp Maintenance Committee meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, and the OA is invited to help in this effort. Service days start with a very short meeting at 8am to review progress, but days vary greatly in what gets done. Because of this, we're looking for responsible Arrowmen (18+ preferred, but not required) that can work without supervision. Bring your own lunch, work clothes, and tools (if applicable) for the day. Can't make the whole day, find something that fits your time schedule.

Time spent at service days count towards the Lodge service hours goals needed for its Performance Management Program. This year, participation in camp service days will also get you one of the requirements for the 100th Anniversary Award. Please consider coming out and giving camp a hand!

For more information about how you can help on service days, please contact the Council Maintenance

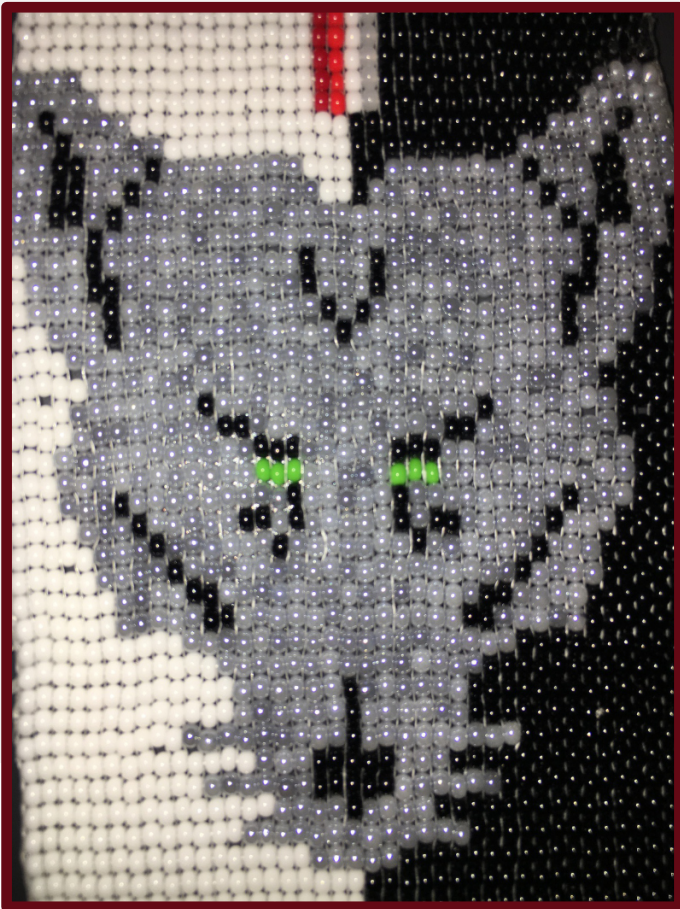
Chairman, Glenn Leshner (glenn.lesher@penske.com, 610-488-1149), or Camp Ranger Kevin Huneke (kevin.huneke@scouting.org, 484-824-5403).



Thank You!

The LEC and members of Kittatinny Lodge would like to thank **David Morgan**, our Staff Adviser, for his helpful assistance in support of the lodge. David is leaving professional Scouting to start a new career in his chosen field, but will be staying in the area and plans to continue his service to Scouting as a volunteer. We wish David and his family much success in his new career, and hope to see him around at future Lodge activities.

Coming Soon



To an auction near you!

Register for Website Alerts

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

Register at... kittatinny5.org



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