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Chiefly Speaking

Lodge Chief / Boone Webb

Greetings everyone,

My name is Boone Webb. I will be your chief for the 2024 year. Outside of scouting I major in film at Kutztown University as well as play and coach. This will be a very fun year for us in Kittatinny Lodge 5. Our lodge is sending 30 members to Boulder, Colorado for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. We're also scheduling



our usual events and planning those that are already scheduled. We encourage all of you to attend our annual events such as our LLD, April, May and September weekends, Brotherhood Day, and banquet. As well as events that we don't typically have like our fair for fare coming up in March. We're looking to improve as a lodge in all aspects. This includes bringing our lodge back to another year with a high performing standard. To meet this goal we'll need your help! We need to build our committees and train leaders. This could be you! If you have an interest I'm sure we can find a committee to fill it. If you have a committee of interest reach out. If not reach out anyway we can help you find something for you.

Yours in Scouting,

Boone Webb | Lodge Chief

How can I be a Committee Chairman?

Reach out to any lodge leadership member or email chief@kittatinny5.org. Even if you don't know where you would fit best we are more than happy to help you!

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Adviser Remarks

Lodge Adviser / Eric Silva

Dear Arrowmen,

Congratulations on achieving the "high performing" level in the 2023 Performance Measurement Program! Your dedication and commitment have elevated our lodge to new heights. As we celebrate this achievement, let it fuel our enthusiasm for an even greater 2024. Together, we'll continue to exemplify the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.



Thank you to Jacob and Scotia for serving as Lodge Chief in 2023. We built a wonderful stage for camp, performed AT trail maintenance, hosted Conclave, and watched as Maggie was elected as Section Chief. I can only hope that 2024 provides the same level of milestones, and I look forward to working with Boone to help make them happen.

Looking ahead, let's focus on involving more youth and adults in the lodge's activities. Their energy and perspectives are vital for our continued success. In 2024, our goal is not just growth in numbers, but ensuring active engagement and participation by all members. Let's foster an inclusive environment where every Arrowman contributes to our shared journey.

Onward and upward!

Yours in Service,

Eric Silva | Lodge Adviser

What Does High Performing Lodge Mean?

High Performing Lodges are lodges that are considered exemplary in various program categories.

These categories consist of Unit Elections, Induction Rates, Membership, Event Participation, Brotherhood Completion, Service to Council, Leadership Development, and more!

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Building The Council Fire

Supreme Chief of The Fire / Davis Fox

Dear Arrowmen of Kittatinny Lodge V,

I am honored to join this fantastic group as your Supreme Chief of the Fire for Kittatinny and Scout Executive for Hawk Mountain Council. Our lodge has a rich history of accomplishments, and I am thrilled to be a part of a lodge recognized as High Performing. This achievement is a testament to the strength and commitment of our lodge to deliver meaningful program, act selflessly, and uphold the ideals of both the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America. As an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, I am excited to engage with you and contribute to the legacy of our esteemed lodge.

In my youth, I had the privilege of serving as the Vice-Chief of Program and dedicating four meaningful years to the ceremonies team of the Wipala-Wiki Lodge. I spent eight rewarding years as a camp staff member, culminating in three years as the Camp Director. This dedication to Scouting has shaped my personal and professional life, and I bring this passion with me as I join you in Kittatinny Lodge.

Looking to calendar year 2024, our overarching goal is clear: Grow Scouting. We each understand the transformative power of the Scouting program and the positive impact it can have on the lives of those involved. Growth requires two things 1.) welcome additional families to Scouting, and 2.) retain the families we have.

Welcoming new families is a function of hosting events at every elementary school for packs, supporting troops to invite and engage potential members who may not have been in packs, and ensuring opportunities for joining by providing enough Scouting units for each population in our communities (we only have 1 troop for girls for every 5 troops for boys presently).

Retention is equally important and more nuanced. It is about programs, experiences, volunteerism, and community. To retain our Scouts, we need to deliver (and they deserve) top tier program led by engaged, qualified volunteers. This year, we will be empowering volunteers to do more with less effort so they can continue delivering the promise of Scouting at each campout, unit meeting, lodge function, and other Scouting events.

I firmly believe that our organization thrives when we share a collective vision for the future and work collaboratively. Let us embrace the spirit of unity and collaboration as we move forward. Together, we can achieve great things and continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

In the coming months, I look forward to meeting and working with each one of you. If you have any thoughts, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Together, we will make 2024 a year of growth, impact, and fulfillment for Kittatinny Lodge, Hawk Mountain Council, and the communities we serve.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Davis Fox | CEO/Scout Executive



Committee News

Ceremonies Committee

New Chairman!

The Ceremonies committee is proud to share with the lodge the induction of our new Chairman, Alyssa McCaffrey! Through 2024, she plans to host events for the committee to strengthen our brotherhood, have fellowship, and improve our ceremonies.

What are we doing?

Our ceremonialists are always looking to improve, and have already hosted multiple events outside of the weekends, with more to come. We hope our hard work pays off, and we're sure you'll notice it!

One of the main ways we look to improve our ceremonies is through the memorization of our texts. We have made leaps and bounds in progress towards this goal, and the team is very excited for our future.

A secondary goal of ours is to improve the regalia that we use. Having regalia we have made is an important step towards authenticity, and one that we are hoping to explore in the near future.



Historian Committee

Lodge Banquet 2023

Last year the lodge's annual banquet was held on Saturday December 16th. At the banquet the historian committee had put up a historical display. In the display you could find some of the patches from Memeu, Minsi, and Kittatinny. You could also find patches from previous National Order of the Arrow Convention (NOAC), NOAC for 2024 will be held in Boulder, Colorado this year.

OA Unit Representative

Be Heard!

If you want to have a voice in the Lodge, why not start with your Troop by serving as the OA Unit Representative? Be the "Voice of the Lodge" by keeping your Troop or Crew informed of all Lodge, Section, and National Events. Be the Cheerful Servant who assists young Scouts and displays the Arrowman's ideals for all the Scouts to see. The position qualifies for leadership credit required for rank advancement. If your unit doesn't have a Unit Representative, ask if you can fill the role!

Contact Sam Heebner by emailing: unitrep@kittatinny5.org

Lodge History

A Bolo of a Different Color by Kyle Dierolf

You may have noticed that members of Kittatinny Lodge wear bolo ties with their field uniforms of varying colors. Some of these are awards and some represent present and past leadership positions in the lodge. No matter the meaning, recipients often wear their bolos to show their lodge spirit at scouting functions. You may have also wondered what all the different colors mean and how these came to be. All bolos are adorned with a metal Kittatinny wolf head. Modern renditions have the typical Kittatinny wolf with green eyes backed by a red arrow going up and to the right. Older bolos display the wolf head commonly associated with the Minsi Lodge wolf with yellow eyes and the arrow going up and to the left. Let's explore the different bolos...

Black: These are available in Kitty Inc for any and all lodge members to wear! This is a great way to show your lodge spirit throughout the scouting community. In 2011 when ordering new metal heads for the award bolos the lodge received a shipment of the heads with black bolo cord already in place. It was then decided to sell them in Kitty Inc to the lodge membership. Since then the black lodge bolos have become rather popular with our lodge's Arrowmen. These display the metal Kittatinny wolf head on black cord.

Yellow: These represent the Chief's Award. The Chief's award is presented by the lodge chief annually to youth members who display exemplary enthusiasm towards the lodge and display a high level of dedication and leadership to the lodge's operations no matter their position or level. This award was first presented in 2009 at the lodge banquet following its creation by the 2008-2009 lodge officers; Kyle Dierolf (Lodge Chief), Phil Thomas (Vice Chief of Administration), Dan Kline (Vice Chief of Program), Josh Seidel (Secretary), and Brian Kahl (Treasurer) as a way to recognize youth members of the lodge. Yellow was chosen as one of the lodge's official colors that was not currently in use. The first two years this award was presented the bolo featured a hand carved arrowhead with the lodge's hat pin embedded in them made by former Lodge Adviser (and former Minsi Lodge Chief) Joe Pietruszynski. The Chief's Award has since displayed the metal Kittatinny wolf head on yellow cord.

Red & White: The Lodge Chief's bolo is displayed on red and white bolo cord representing the colors of the

Order of the Arrow. These bolos are presented at the beginning of a chief's term and are meant to be worn for the remainder of their scouting career. The Lodge Chief's bolo was created and presented as an outward recognition to our lodge's youth leader for their service, dedication, and hard work that comes with the role of chief. Current and future lodge leaders may look to these individuals for advice and guidance to learn from their experiences. This bolo was first presented by then Lodge Adviser Kyle Dierolf to then Lodge Chief Tony Stianche at a Lodge Thirdly Meeting on April 23, 2017. Future chiefs have since been presented with the red and white bolo in addition to former chiefs who have been to lodge functions since its inception. The creation of this bolo began in 2015 with discussions among Lodge Adviser Rudy Benkert, Assoc. Lodge Adviser Kyle Dierolf, and Lodge Chief Austin Noguera. This bolo displays the metal Kittatinny wolf head on red and white cord.

Red: The Adviser's award. These awards are typically presented at the end of a Lodge Adviser's term to adult committee advisers and adult members for outstanding service to the lodge and its mission. Recipients serve the lodge selflessly while guiding the youth leaders of our lodge. These were first presented in 1991 by Lodge Adviser Joe Pietruszynski. The Adviser's Award currently displays the metal Kittatinny wolf head on red cord.

White: The white bolos are worn by the current and former Lodge Advisers of the lodge. This tradition first started in 1984 with a beaded necklace that was passed onto the next lodge adviser until 1998 when the bolos were put into use. The beaded necklaces are on display in the Kittatinny Room at HMSR. These bolos are presented to an incoming Lodge Adviser at the start of their term and may be worn throughout their scouting career as recognition of their service to the youth members of the lodge. The Lodge Adviser's bolo displays the metal Kittatinny wolf head on white bolo cord.

Five bolos colors for Kittatinny 5! Our lodge is rich in history so hopefully this provides some information for something that is so visible amongst our members. If you see anyone wearing these bolos please ask them about their experiences in the lodge and be prepared to listen to some fun stories and pieces of advice.

Lodge Announcements

Lodge Dues

If you haven't paid your 2024 lodge dues yet, please do so immediately. Scouts who don't register will not be allowed to participate in lodge events like service weekends, Conclave, NOAC, etc.

Visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/528-oadues> or scan the QR code.



Dues Registration

Conclave 2024

Set Sail for Section E-11 Conclave 2024!

This years conclave will be hosted by Wunita Gokhos Lodge 39, at Camp Mack! Registration is open so don't miss out on this amazing event.

This years theme was decided to be "Pirates". At this years conclave there will be a wide variety of events and trainings, all from Lodge Regatta, to Human Foosball. You be sure to find your treasure at this incredible experience.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/528-oaconclave>



Claim Your Treasure!

If you want to ensure you get your conclave treasure, order your swag soon!



What Is A Conclave?

Next to a National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) or National Scout Jamboree, a Section Conclave is one of the most significant inter-lodge events that an Arrowman can attend within the Order of the Arrow. Each section hosts its conclave in a unique way, yet all have similar opportunities to connect people from other lodges.

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Lodge Announcements

Upcoming Events



April 19 - April 21, 2024

OA Inductions and Service Weekend



April 21, 2024

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LEC)



May 11, 2024

Camp Maintenance Day



May 17 - May 19, 2024

OA Inductions and Service Weekend



May 19, 2024

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LEC)



May 31 - June 2, 2024

Section E-11 Conclave



June 8, 2024

Camp Maintenance Day



June 16, 2024

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LEC)



July 13, 2024

Camp Maintenance Day



July 21, 2024

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LEC)



July 16 - August 3, 2024

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)



August 10, 2024

Camp Maintenance Day

Lodge Announcements

2023 Vigil Members

Congrats Vigil Class 2023

The Vigil Honor is the highest award that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. The Kittatinny Lodge Vigil Honor Class of 2023 was inducted last October. Here is a list of those Scouts, their given Indian name, and English translation:



Charles "Chas" D. Andrews

Wulelendamwi Ktemaque Nachgohuman
"Joyful Beaver Who Sings"



Richard D. Fisher III

Machelemuxit Aspenummen Awènik
"Honored One Who Lifts Up Others"



James R. Garringer

Wowoatammowino Allohak Wdee
"Wise Man Strong Heart"



Nolan J. Garringer

Tghauchsuwi Machkachten
"Kind Coal of a Fire"



John Rohm

Gunaxit Achgeketum Allogagan
"Tall Teacher Who Serves"



Andrew Speicher

Mawat Gischenaxin
"One Who is Prepared"



Alfred J. Tomaselli IV

Nutiket Chans Menatey
"Guardian of Elder Brothers Island"



Logan B. Westlake

Achewiecheu Nikanixichik Nchutia
"Strong Spirited Leader and Friend"



Lodge Announcements

Thank You!

Greetings Arrowmen,

For those who don't know me my name is Logan Westlake and I am your Communications Chairman. I am very excited for the opportunity to release this issue of The Wolf's Tale. Per the release of this article this will be the first Wolf's Tale since the January 2022 issue.

Although many attempts since have been made to release a new issue, many of which were during my time a Communications Chairman we finally were able to get it done. I want to thank every Committee and Lodge Member who helped by submitting ideas or articles.



If you enjoyed this Wolf's Tale and want to help the Communications Committee continue releasing issues throughout the year please reach out! If you already have or want to come up with an article for the next issue please submit as soon as possible to the communications committee email. Email: communications@kittatinny5.org or wolfstale@kittatinny5.org

Yours In Service,

Logan Westlake | Communications Chair

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Kittatinny Sudoku

- In this puzzle, you must find every letter that appears in the phrase "Camp Promotion".
- You are looking for the 9 letters:
C, A, M, P, R, O, T, I, and N.
- Each horizontal row must contain all 9 letters.
- Each vertical column must contain all 9 letters.
- Each block must contain all 9 letters.
- And the two diagonals must contain all 9 letters.

Submitted By: David Fry



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NOAC 2023

CHM Scotia Foose
ADV Lisa Wilder

CHM (Chairman)

ADV (Advisor)

Interested in a vacant position? Reach out to
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