



Dear Unit Leaders:

This year marks 100 years of Lodge 5 and of service to Scouting in the Hawk Mountain and predecessor Councils. This is a significant accomplishment, worthy to celebrate, and one that only a few in the nation have reached. But it is not just about reaching 100 years. It's about the changed lives of those who have been involved in the O.A. program, the leadership skills they have put into practice and the countless hours they have put into building, maintaining and staffing the facilities that Scouts and outsiders alike have used over the years at our council camps. Their efforts are preserved in the marks and traditions of the Order of the Arrow.



We'd like to personally encourage each of you to promote the O.A. in your unit. Even if you don't have eligible Scouts this year, we would like to come and talk about the O.A., and the programs it offers both in the council and nationally; to talk about the importance of camping in your Scouting program; the importance of supporting the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation; and to let our youth election teams share their personal O.A. story with your Scouts.

If you haven't been out to an O.A. event in a while, please try to do so. Our lodge's youth leaders are busy making plans for our three service weekends in 2021 as well as other activities. It would be awesome if every member wearing the flap would try to attend just one O.A. event this year. We know Covid is making that difficult, but where there's a will, there's a way. If you have members who have dropped their membership, this is a great year to re-join and become active again. The Supreme Chief of the Fire is working on a special award for you if you renew your OA membership this year.

We also encourage ALL eligible Ordeal members to seal their membership by completing their Brotherhood during our anniversary year. Unit leaders, talk to your Arrowmen Scouts about their commitment to the Order, and to servant leadership in your unit, district, council, and beyond.

Enclosed in this packet are some materials to share with you Scouts and Arrowmen. These are just a few of the things available this year: Check the lodge website or Scoutwire for other major events.

CENTENNIAL AWARD & ACTIVITIES – Even with Covid, we hope to be holding a number of Lodge Centennial service projects and events throughout the year, with a corresponding award for those who meet the award's participation criteria. The award requirements should be released before the

end of January and will be made available to all current members and candidates once they become members, and a tracking sheet will be available on the lodge website.

LODGE PARTICIPATION AWARD – If you look at the requirements, you will see much of it is directly related to your unit. If an Arrowman is active in your unit and in the lodge, he can easily earn this award. It is a four-part award for successive years and results in a dangler cloth patch and 3 metal enameled pin segments. Make a copy for each Arrowman in your unit and encourage them to earn this award, as we currently have only a handful of units promoting this award.

OA HIGH ADVENTURE – What I like to call “one of the best kept non-secrets of High Adventure”. O.A. High Adventure combines the concept of cheerful service with a memorable and challenging outdoor adventure experience at one of the BSA’s National High Adventure Bases. All eligible Arrowmen can apply, and all they must do is arrange their own transportation to get there. Section and Regional Scholarships are also available to those desiring to attend but have limited funds. Ask a lodge officer or adviser about applying for these scholarships and registering for a program.

NE-6B CONCLAVE – O.A. Conclaves are a regional gathering of lodges in our section. It’s sort of a mini-NOAC, hosted by a different lodge each year. This year we will be attending Conclave at Camp Sinoquipe in the Mason-Dixon Council, near Fort Littleton, PA. Learn more about the O.A., compete in games and competitions, and meet other Scouts from our Section. Registration information should be coming out shortly, and we encourage members to attend.

We know you and your Scouts are busy, and Covid has not made Scouting easy over the past year, but the lodge plays an important role in the Council, and we encourage you to actively engage in the program. Give your Arrowmen the opportunity to have fun in both your unit and in the O.A. while demonstrating servant leadership in its many forms.

Here’s looking forward to a great 100th year of Lodge 5 and of service to the Hawk Mountain Council!

Yours in the Order



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