Fall Weekend

On September 15th-17th, Ktemaque hosted its annual Fall Ordeal Weekend at Durland Scout Reservation. We saw 83 new brothers join our lodge as new Ordeal members, 12 more sealed their bonds of Brotherhood, and 8 of our dedicated brothers completed their Vigil Honor. Unsung heroes included 40 brothers helped make the weekend run smoothly without recognition or reward. The weather was perfect, the service projects were safely completed and meaningful, the schedule ran on time and the food was so good everyone wanted seconds.

A prep session in August with the core weekend leadership team to plan and recruit resources and a pre-game meeting on Friday night of made a big difference in coordinating the details and communications throughout the entire weekend was strong. Ceremonies did a fantastic job under new leadership with Charles and Chris Panzarella as Co-Chairmen and Mr. Confalone stepping in as adviser. The Brotherhood team got it done, and the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeals showed everyone what our Ceremonies team can do with leadership, practice and preparation.

We tried something different that works well with the Brotherhood Quest and that is to get indications of interest from the Ordeal candidates about how they plan to participate in our lodge. On Saturday night, every Ordeal and Brotherhood member from the weekend listed where they want to work. Most people volunteered for several areas, and all of our committee chairmen will use this information to get these brothers involved.

Lodge Fellowship 2018

All Brothers are invited to relax and make new friends at the Ktemaque Fellowship Weekend. Our new brother, Thomas Schivley, has agreed to serve as Fellowship Chairman, and he will work with new adviser Mr. Libertati to plan a fantastic weekend for us. Possible themes may be video games, if we can only find brothers who like to play online....It is also possible that on Saturday morning, we might host some senior Webelos and help them will some outdoor skills to finish their advancements before they join Boy Scouts. More details about the theme and program will come next month. The cost will be $25 for the weekend and the meals have always been spectacular in the past. We sleep in the cabins, enjoy friendly competition during the weekend, and have a chance to learn more about our lodge by working together to have fun instead of finishing service projects. This is also the best opportunity to complete your Brotherhood Quest if you took your Ordeal last May or before that and meet the other requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!
Fellow Brothers,

As you might have noticed, I have not been shy about sending email notes out to the lodge promoting our events, asking for help, or thanking people for doing good work. We have a very busy Fall, and I am excited about the Winter even more. From our Fall Weekend with a large numbers of new Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members, to our Service Corps working to cleanup the DEP reservoirs in October and then work at the Thunderbird Games, to the work performed this past weekend at council during Rechartering Day, I think everyone believes that Ktemaque has good momentum. I am grateful to all of you who are working hard to make a difference in the lives of our fellow scouts.

Going forward, things are going to be even more fun. In December, we will host a private screening of The Last Jedi for our Arrowmen and will have our Lodge Leadership Development training to improve our skills. In January, we will conduct our Lodge Banquet, and have a special Ski Day at Catamount. February will bring planning sessions to get ready for a busy spring, which will be highlighted by our Fellowship Weekend in March, training at the University of Scouting, A spring Service Project, our Spring Ordeal Weekend, the Section Conclave (hosted by Ktemaque!) and the 2017 NOAC in Indiana.

2018 is going to be awesome, but we need your help to get everything accomplished. You might know that more than 100 years ago, a British guy with a cool mustache just like me said “We must change boys from a “What Can I Get”, to a “What Can I Give” attitude”. Lord Baden Powell founded Scouting worldwide, and he made a difference in the world. We are making a difference here in Westchester Putnam council one day at a time, and we will keep doing that by working together. I hope to see all of you at the Lodge Banquet, and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Jack Kiernan
New Brotherhood Members

Schivley, Mark Allen  
Morgan, James P.  
Nealon, Christopher T.  
Bruenn, Preston M.  
Bruenn, Kyle T.  
Scarglato, Christopher  
Speiss, Richard A.  
Cryan, Aidan  
Curvan, Sean B.  
Barry Jr., Patrick Francis  
Barry, Nicholas

New Vigil Members

Evan Attinger  
Charles Panzarella  
Christopher Panzarella  
Ian Troge  
Mr. Lou Alagno  
Ms. Rachel Carlson  
Mrs. Ann Reilly  
Mr. Dan Troge

The Last Jedi Private Screening

As a special holiday activity to carry our fellowship into the New Year, Ktemaque Lodge will host a private screening of the latest Star Wars movie – The Last Jedi (PG-13) on Saturday morning, December 30, 2017. This is not a fundraiser! We will meet at the Bow Tie Mount Kisco Cinemas located at 144 Main St, Mt Kisco, NY 10549. This screening will be at 9:30am and all tickets must be prepaid at http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque

The discounted cost per ticket is only $6.50 each. In addition, you are welcome to pre-order a small popcorn and soda for $7.50. Additional concessions will also be available, but not a discounted price.

This screening will be limited to the first 100 people who purchase tickets online. No uniforms are required, and all family members, friends, neighbors and relatives are welcome to join this private screening.

Lodge Training Day

On Saturday, December 9th, Ktemaque will host its 2017 Lodge Leadership Development training to provide new members with an introduction to the Order of the Arrow and ambitious Arrowmen who are officers or committee chairmen, now or in the future, position-specific training and leadership skills development. All brothers are welcome; although the training will be focused primarily on youth, adults may benefit from the experience as well. Uniforms and sashes are required for this event, but lunch and refreshments will be provided at no costs and all who complete training will receive a patch.

The schedule for the day:

8:00am Set Up / Ice Breakers

8:30am What is the Lodge? / Positions and Roles / Committees

11:00am Delegation Skills

11:00am Introduction to the Lodge Executive Committee

11:45am Working Lunch Discussion – Lodge Annual Program/Lodgemaster Demo

12:30pm Learning from the Past – Constructive Evaluation

1:30pm Youth and Advisers / Overview Discussion then Breakout Sessions

2:30pm Wrap Up and Closing

There may be alternative tracks for CEREMONIES and ELANGOMATS, depending upon registration. To make sure there is enough food for everyone, please register in advance by December 8th at http://www.wpcbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1990
NOAC 2018

Registration is still open for next year's NOAC. NOAC is a once in a lifetime opportunity for arrowmen around the nation, and spots will go soon. Please contact Robert Carlson at LodgeAdviser@Ktemaque.org to register.

Lodge Merchandise

As you may have seen recently, we have opened an online store that offers jackets, hats, shirts, bags, and other merchandise with the lodge logo. We get a commission on every sale, so please visit the store and buy some stuff to show your lodge pride. Address is http://ktemaque.sgtradingpost.online/

Lodge Ski Day

As a special activity to build our fellowship, Ktemaque Lodge will host a ski day at Catamount Ski Area located at 78 Catamount Rd, Hillsdale, NY 12529 on Sunday, January 21, 2018. This is not a fundraiser!

We plan to meet at Catamount, but it is possible that some people may be about to offer rides and carpool.

To participate, all lift tickets must be prepaid at http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque

The discounted cost per life ticket is only $37 each. In addition, you can rent ski or snowboarding equipment for $34 and get a 1 ½ hour lesson for $17. This package is usually $125, so we are grateful that we Catamount is generously giving our Lodge a discount. The snack bar is open for lunch, or you can bring your own food.

No uniforms are required, and all family members, friends, neighbors and relatives are welcome to join this ski day if they also pre-register and purchase lift tickets.

Calendar 2017-2018

The Ktemaque Lodge calendar in its entirety is on the Ktemaque Lodge web site at www.Ktemaque.org.

December
9 Lodge Leadership Development
19 LEC Meeting
30 The Last Jedi Movie Screening

January
3 Lodge Banquet
21 Ski Day
23 LEC Meeting
28 Section Training Event

February
20 LEC Meeting

March
10 Lodge Training at University of Scouting
20 LEC Meeting
23-25 Fellowship Weekend

Reservoir Cleanup Recap

On October 1, 17 brothers and their families joined more than 400 other volunteers to clean up the shorelines around 8 DEP reservoirs to help keep our drinking water cleaner. For the entire event, the total haul was more than 300 bags of debris and recyclables weighing more than 2 tons from almost 20 miles of shoreline. Our brothers picked filled 30 bags themselves, and found at least 1 TV and a tire. Thank you to Mr. Kiernan for organizing this service project, and thanks to our brothers and their families who helped, including Jack Kiernan, Joshua, Charles and Mr. Uchetel, Mr. Alagno, Mr. Kristensen, Thomas and Mr. Schivley, Anthony Deruggiero and his father, Andrew Lucassen and his father, and Jackson Ubracio and his entire family. It was a good way to spend 3 hours and our lodge did good work.
**Thunderbird Games Recap**

On October 14, 23 brothers came out to help at the 25th Annual Thunderbird Games to give back to the program that helps Cub Scouts see what Boy Scouts is all about. This year we had extra responsibilities in the morning setting up and conducting registration for the Webelos activities, which helped 400 Webelos try knot tying, fire starting, 2-man saw, orienteering, first aid, team games, cooking and leatherwork. Things went smoothly, and special thanks to Chief Kiernan for registering all of those Webelos and their families with a smile and enthusiasm.

In the afternoon, our lodge manned the fun house and ball pit that was the best attraction there for little kids. We made sure no one got too scared or lost, and no one got hurt. Special thanks to our Supreme Chief of the Fire, Rich Stockton, who set up the activity the day before. Thank you to the brothers who staffed this event, including David White, Brent Grafer, Brandon DiPanfilo, Thomas Schively, Hudson Miller, Joshua Uchetel, Charles Uchetel, Brendan Reed, PJ Miller, Nick Barry and Spencer Schmidt. Extra recognition goes out to Nick Kaplan and Joseph Confalone who mingled with the crowds in costume all day.

Our adults manned a display of our trading post items to promote the lodge and answer questions, so thank you to Mr. Wieting, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Kiernan, Mrs. Lipscomb, Mr. Grafer, Mr. Uchetel, Mr. Confalone, Mr. Troge and Mr. Fenty.

During the day we all agreed that we would like to work the Webelos area again, but be more involved in planning it next year. We also appreciated not having any set up work to do with the fun house, but would prefer to go back to a more active game for Cubs next year.

**Lodge Discord**

Recently, we have approved the use of Discord as a messaging platform to allow Brothers to keep in touch. If you're interested in receiving an invitation, please contact Brent Grafer at OperationsViceChiefNorth@Ktemaque.org
KTEMAQUE LODGE 15
Endowment Fund Patches Order Form

Name: ______________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Orders must be placed by December 15th, 2017 and will be mailed on December 31st. Send payment and completed form to "Ktemaque Lodge, Westchester-Putnam Council, 41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532". (Acct# 1-2371-000)

Regular Endowment Flap        $ 25. each                    Quantity (__)  $ ____.00

Numbered Endowment Flap
with Metal Flap                       $125. each                   Quantity (__)  $ ___.00

Total Amount   $ _____. 00

(   ) Payment by Check (Payable to "Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA # 1-2371-000")
(   ) Payment by Credit Card

Name on Credit Card ______________________________
Credit Card Number _______________________________
Expiration Date ____/_____/______ Code _______
Signature __________________________________
As our Lodge kicks off its 45th Anniversary, our annual Lodge Banquet will be held at The Mansion at the Colonial Terrace located at 119 Oregon Road, Cortlandt, NY 10567 on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 beginning at 6:30pm. We will charge $30 per head for the buffet dinner with drinks and dessert included. Our Vice Chief, Nick Kaplan, will serve as Master of Ceremonies and has worked tirelessly to develop some great new program ideas, such as speakers and entertainment and themes. Our trading post will be open and we will recognize our new Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members while enjoying fellowship with our friends and family. All are invited, welcome, and encouraged to attend. This event is always a highlight of our year! Make your reservation at http://www.wpcbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1546