Fellowship Weekend Recap

On March 31, Ktemaque Lodge hosted its annual Fellowship Weekend at Durland Scout Reservation. Almost 40 brothers attended this invitation-only program which featured an Olympics theme. The late March snow accumulation complicated the outside activities, but Fellowship Weekend Chairman Joseph Confalone and his committee adapted well to the ground conditions, substituting Winter Olympics activities for an improvised Summer Olympics theme at the last minute. Relay races and feats of endurance were combined with traditional Scouting fire-building contests and pioneering lashing challenges. Next year we will strive for Archery and Rifle Range activities!

Special Arrowhead necklaces were presented to competitors and weekend staff to be treasured for years to come. With freezing temperatures most of the weekend, the Opening Camp fire and Closing Camp fire were welcomed additions to the program and enjoyed by all. As always, the delicious meals were prepared by dedicated adult volunteers led by Mr. Ernie Whiting and Mr. Rob and Ms. Rachael Carlson. The quality of the food cannot be overstated – the breakfasts, lunch and dinner were outstanding. During lunch, Vice Chief Brent Grafer was presented with a BSA 100th Anniversary Commemorative Silver Dollar to recognize his earning Eagle Scout rank the previous week. Mr. Behan ran a smooth registration that got everyone off on the right foot, and the Saturday-only guests were made especially welcome and part of the fun.

Vice Chief Jack Kiernan and Mr. John Kiernan led the Brotherhood Quest, where 11 brothers rededicated themselves to the ideals of our program and pledged to continue their service to Scouting and our lodge in a leadership capacity. Mr. Wiggers and Mr. Confalone assisted the seasoned Ceremonial Team which braved frigid temperatures, and wind to deliver a high quality Brotherhood Ceremony while wearing warm weather costumes.

Mrs. Margaret Lipscomb displayed a special OA sash that was signed by one of the OA's founders, E. Urner Goodman, and also answered any and all questions about upcoming local, sectional, regional and national events, lodge history and opportunities for community service. Mr. Alex Weiner didn’t take off his hat the entire weekend, but he helped the Cooks and woe to the brother who tried to wash anything in the sink – that was his domain! Mr. Carlson deserves special thanks for managing the Trading Post with patience and good humor, and Mr. Fenty was helpful all weekend by coaching the Brotherhood Quest staff, answering questions from the youth and encouraging the adults to continue to find more ways to serve each other.

This was a great weekend for brothers to relax and make new friends, and the bar has been set high for 2018.
Chiefly Speaking

As my term as your lodge chief for 2016-2017 winds down, I would like to share a quote by a motivational speaker, Harvey Mackay. “Time is free, but it is priceless. You can’t own it but you can use it. You can’t keep it but you can spend it. Once you’ve lost it, you can never get it back.” All of us are busy, but that is why lodge leadership is so important to make sure that time spent in the OA is worthwhile. I am proud of the work that my Vice Chiefs and I have been able to complete over the past year, and look forward to seeing many more things accomplished by the new leadership who will take Ktemaque to even greater heights.

We have brothers who are attending the National Jamboree this summer as participants or staff members, and I know that they will bring back fresh ideas to help our Scouting program. In 2018, we will host the Section NE-2B Conclave at Durland Scout Reservation, and we will need all of our brothers to pitch in to deliver a program that will be legendary. We will also be sending a contingent to NOAC 2018 at Indiana University next summer, and that event is so great that brothers are still talking about the one from 2015, 2 years later.

We were elected by our peers in recognition of our characters, we work to improve our program and our communities, and we lead through service. No other organization lets youth run the show with support of adults who want to see them succeed. I am proud to be a brother in Ktemaque Lodge, I have been proud to have served as your Chief, and I look forward to a lifetime in our program and hope to follow in the footsteps of my advisor, Mr. Behan, who has set a great example of how to be a successful adult volunteer in the OA.

Yours in Scouting,
Chris Krajca

Adviser's Minute
By Robert Behan

This past March we had our fellowship weekend, and if you were there, you knew how great it was. Great food, great activities, and a fantastic campfire. Everyone in attendance was brimming with enthusiasm from an excellent time. However, in the weeks and days leading up the weekend, many of the planned activities had to be changed due to the freak snowstorm in March. The chairman of the event, Joseph Confalone was getting several emails from me saying this event can not be done or that we need to change the entire program. Even during the event, there were new obstacles that he and the members at the event had to face. However, though his energy and leadership, he prevailed. Many participants never knew how many challenges and obstacles Joe encountered.

What made the weekend so successful was the positive attitude of the chairman and the members in attendance. It would have been easy to get frustrated and given up, however, a person's attitude has the great ability to turn a negative situation into a positive one incredibly quickly. So next time you’re faced with adversity, fight through it.

If you missed this year's fellowship, I strongly suggest you come next year. I believe this is one of, if not, the highlight of our year.

I am also looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Spring Ordeal and Conclave.

Rob Behan
Lodge Adviser

New and Improved Lodge Web Site

Go to our lodge web site at www.wpcbsa.org/Ktemaque/ to get detailed information about upcoming events, links to our lodge social media sites, forms, lodge calendar, newsletters, contact information, and lots more information.
Go Bro at the Brotherhood Quest

Are you interested in sealing your bonds of Brotherhood? During the Spring Ordeal and Service Weekend, we will be hosting a Brotherhood Quest program for all Ordeal members who have been in the OA for more than 10 months. Based on the comprehensive foundation developed by Mr. Jess Hurwitz, the new Brotherhood Quest was crafted by Jack Kiernan, John Kiernan and Rob Carlson and now features videos, music, interactive dialogue and personal introspection to prepare Ordeal members to demonstrate their general OA membership knowledge, deepen their understanding of the Ordeal Ceremony and Ordeal process, be able to describe differences between Ordeal and Brotherhood membership and understand the history, structure and organization of the Order of the Arrow.

Each new Brotherhood member puts, in writing, their commitment to our principals by writing a letter describing how they have been fulfilling the OA Obligation in their unit and daily life, how they have used their understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service, and outlining their specific plans for continuing service in the future to their unit and our lodge. The Brotherhood Quest concludes with a special ceremony where additional information about our Order is relayed and new sashes are presented to worthy candidates.

OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Adviser

Every troop should have an OA Troop Representative (youth position) and an OA Troop Adviser (adult position).

Scouts may use the OA Troop Representative position to meet the leadership position requirements for the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. For more information, go to this web page.

www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative

If you have questions, please contact our Lodge Adviser, Bob Behan.

Calendar 2017

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

April

25 LEC Meeting

May

19-21 Spring Ordeal/Service Weekend at Camp Read

23 LEC Meeting

June

9-11 OA Conclave

27 LEC Meeting

July

15-29 OA Operation Arrow 2017

Ktemaque Lodge Is On Facebook

Would you like be informed about Ktemaque Lodge’s activities on social media? Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Ktemaque15/

OA Serving at the Jamboree

To continue a tradition that dates back to the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, over 750 youth Arrowmen will answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow - the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled by the Order of the Arrow!

Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of three primary OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village.
2017 Section NE¬2B Conclave

Camp Keowa
Ten Mile River Scout Reservation
1481 Crystal Lake Rd.
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
Friday, June 9, 2017 at 5:00pm to
Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 11:00am

All youth and adult members of Ktemaque Lodge are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, training, and brotherhood at our Section NE¬2B Conclave. New Ordeal members and new Brotherhood members are especially encouraged to attend! Our Section Conclave is an annual weekend event for all the five lodges in Section NE¬2B of the Order of the Arrow.

About 200 Arrowmen are expected to attend. The Council of Chiefs is planning a spectacular weekend, and you will be immersed in OA activities that will enable you to experience and respect the history of the Order, as well as learn skills from experienced trainers, which you can use to benefit our Lodge! This is a great way to get involved, and meet Arrowmen from all over our section.

Saturday morning will have training sessions including the Path to Brotherhood, Lodge and Chapter Branding, Running Effective Meetings, Membership Retention and The Vigil Honor. Lots of fun activities will fill the rest of the weekend. Evening activities will include patch trading, games, shows, crackerbarrel, and fellowship with Arrowmen from the five metro NY and CT lodges in our section. There will be lots of delicious food cooked by adults throughout the weekend. Carpooling is encouraged. If you need a ride, contact our Lodge Adviser Mr. Behan at LodgeAdviser@Ktemaque.org.

Online registration is at http://www.wpcbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1553 and the registration is $35 ($30 for new brothers who just made their Ordeal). The REGISTRATION FEE INCREASES BY $15 to $50 AFTER JUNE 1, so REGISTER NOW. Please join us for a great weekend, especially since Ktemaque is HOSTING next year!

Go to Ktemaque Lodge’s Contact Us web page at www.wpcbsa.org/Ktemaque/ContactUs/ for telephone numbers and more information.

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The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow. It is Scouting's second-largest national program event. During NOAC, Arrowmen participate in a six-day conference, which includes top-notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and exciting programs.

The next National Order of the Arrow Conference will be during the summer of 2018 at Indiana University. All youth and adult members of Ktemacue Lodge are invited! Arrowmen travel to NOAC with a contingent from their lodge, or as a staff member supporting the thousands of Arrowmen attending the conference.

NOAC is like the National Scout Jamboree for the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen from all over the country get together and have a great time on a beautiful college campus. Arrowmen sleep in dorms, eat in the cafeterias, and have a blast attending NOAC events throughout the campus. No matter if this is your first NOAC or you are a veteran conference attendee, there will be something new there to do along with many old favorites.

A key part of NOAC is sharing knowledge and learning new ideas. One of the best ways to learn at NOAC is through the formal training sessions that take place. This is a chance for Arrowmen to share new ideas and suggestions of some of the best trainers in the country. They present sessions on various topics that range from being an efficient officer to the meaning of the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Another way to get important ideas are through demonstrations, workshops and talking to other Arrowmen. Although more informal, this way of learning can be just as fun. Not to forget, attending NOAC is probably the best way to meet the National Officers. These young men make the Order of the Arrow the way it is. They liked to be questioned and told new ideas.

The goal of this type of competition is for the participants to become better through the evaluation. The participants have put a lot of time and effort into practicing and it is incredible to watch them. Seeing other teams gives lodges ideas on what they would like their own teams to be like. Those interested in ceremonies can also attend training sessions on all aspects of our ceremonies.

Another set of exciting events are the sports games and competitions. These activities give those lodges who are willing to sweat and have some fun a chance to take home a trophy in basketball, volleyball, or a ton of others events. If you are the type of person who prefers a less physical approach, OA Jeopardy can challenge your mind. Also, patch trading can be very fulfilling. There is a sense of fascination watching some of the patch trading experts in action. All the lodges that attend have patches that are unique and very well designed. Not only is it fun to see all of the different designs from the various lodges, but patch trading is a great fellowship opportunity. Don't pass up an opportunity to take part in the fun.

For the entertainment lover in all of us, the shows are definitely worth going to. This is an opportunity for all the Arrowmen to pack into a theater for a brilliant display of lights flashing, music playing, and Arrowmen having a blast. In case you missed it earlier, you can usually catch a glimpse of the best American Indian Activity participants at the American Indian Show. The Theme show is made spectacular with the use of brilliant laser light shows and fireworks. The shows are also where many of the important awards are handed out to those Arrowmen who have shown exceptional service. The closing show is where all of the great times of NOAC are wrapped up.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to create memories that you will cherish for a lifetime. We look forward to having you in Ktemacue Lodge's NOAC 2018's contingent! To sign up, contact our Lodge Adviser Please contact our lodge advisor, Mr. Behan, to ask questions or reserve your spot in our 2018 contingent!
Spring Service Weekend

Ordeal and Brotherhood Quest
May 19 to 21, 2017
Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation Brant Lake, NY

Our Spring Service Weekend will be held on May 19th through the 21st, 2017 at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation in Brant Lake, NY. All youth and adult members are encouraged to attend. We will be doing cheerful service working on many projects around camp to help get it ready for summer camp.

Newly elected candidates who registered will take their Ordeal. All Ordeal members who have been active in the lodge for ten months or more are encouraged to seal their membership in the OA by taking their Brotherhood Quest.

The cost for Ordeal candidates is $50, it is $45 for Brotherhood Quest candidates, and $20 for members who are coming to work as attendees. Carpooling is encouraged. If you need a ride, contact our Lodge Adviser, Mr. Behan at LodgeAdviser@Ktemaque.org.

Check in will be Friday evening from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Camp Buckskin Office across from the Trading Post. Please wear your official uniform and your OA sash. All Brothers should bring work clothes, work gloves, and a sleeping bag. Brothers with carpentry or electrical skills should bring their own personal tools.

The annual Lodge Officers Election will also be held. If you are interested in holding a lodge leadership position, contact our Lodge Adviser, Mr. Behan, before May 12.

All registration is online at http://www.wpcbsa.org/Ktemaque/ as well as the BSA medical form, which is in fillable pdf format on the Forms web page of the Ktemaque Lodge website. Be sure to complete Part A and Part B of the medical form (3 pages) and bring it with you to the weekend. No one will be allowed in camp without it.

All brothers who want to help the candidates experience a quality Ordeal by assisting as an Elangomat should contact our Elangomat Chairman at ElangomatChairman@Ktemaque.org.

Eligible for Next Brotherhood Quest

Ahern, Conor Daniel
Baron, Andrew C.
Bridgham, Patrick J.
Bruenn, Preston M.
Carbone, Nicholas
Carroll, Andrew C.
Colalillo, Matthew
Connolly Edward W.
Cozza, Richard
D’Amico, Michael C.
Deltosta, William D.
DeSimone, Michael L.
Eisenhower, Dwight D.
Gummerson, Christian X.
Hedman, Eric J.
Kazin, Joel S.
Lalak, Owen
Lander, Andrew Richard
LaTorre Jr., Jose
LaVecchia, Giovanni
Lopez, Tyler Charles
Mallett, David M.
Martine, Theo Joseph
Mendelsohn, Allan L.
Miller, Phelim J.
Napoleone, George D.
Nowak, Colin
Panico, Dillon R.
Parker, Daniel J.
Powers, Brent B.
Quartucio, John P.
Ricci, Daniel
Rivituso, Michael
Rodriguez, Roberto L.
Ruvo, Michael P.
Sanchez, Tyler
Saglio, Fury
Smith, Beau
Smith, Wayne A.
Spillane, Kevin P.
Tabb, Julian Barnett
Tiburzi, John William
Walsh, Alex
Wiggers, Brian
Woma, James Y.
Yaphockun, Liam

Angi Jr, Joseph J.
Bileca, Joseph S.
Bruenn, Daniel S.
Bush, John C.
Carcino, Michael A.
Cohen, Michael A.
Colotti, Ralph M.
Coviello, Michael
Cunningham, William
DeKnatel, William
DeSimone, Beau P.
Dorio Jr, Joseph A.
Esparta, Peter
Havliland, Milo J.
Hernandez, Angel Luis
Kelleher, Ryan Joseph
Lalak, Pamela
Landi-Lopez, Stella M.
LaTorre Sr., Jose A.
Leddick, George
Lynch, John K.
Mario, Cole
McManus, Liam
Merchan, Jean Carlo
Montgomery, Liam
Napoleone, Michael A.
Owen, Steven G.
Panico, Joseph J.
Powers, Asher B.
Promisel, Michael I.
Raftopoulos, Peter
Rishel, Timothy B.
Rivituso, Raymond
Rusinko, Keith John
Salyer, Ryan
Serafin, Robert
Shaw, Richard C.
Smith, Warren A.
Speiss, Richard A.
Stecatto, Chris
Thomas, Adam C.
Uchetel, Charles R.
Walsh, Zaleik
Willingham, Brandon
Yaphockun, Alexander
New Vigil Candidates Announced

The Order of the Arrow provides numerous leadership opportunities for its youth members to excel and be recognized for their accomplishments.

Leadership and alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to their lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavors.

The 2016 Vigil Honor Selection Committee selected 8 worthy individuals for this distinguished honor.

Brother Louis Alagno, Brother Evan Attinger, Brother Rachel Carlson, Brother Ann Reilly, Brother Ian Troge, Brother Dan Troge were recognized publicly as Vigil Honor candidates in our last newsletter.

Two more Vigil Honor candidates were tapped out during the Fellowship Weekend and publicly recognized for the first time. They were very surprised, and had barely thawed out from a freezing Brotherhood ceremony which they let with exceptional enthusiasm and purpose. Please congratulate brothers Brother Charles Panzarella and Brother Christopher Panzarella. All 8 candidates are expected to complete their Vigil ceremony later this year.

Well done, Chris and Charles!

New Brotherhood Members

During the Fellowship Weekend, 11 Ordeal members also sealed their ties of Brotherhood in the OA. Please congratulate the following Brothers:

William Blancato
Robert Bohl
Joseph Confalone
Philip Dever
Aidan C. DiSalvo
Thomas W. Fraleigh Jr.
Daniel M. Lin
Maximillan Mallett
Timothy Palmo
Connor Patrick Scott
Charles Sidoti
Unit Elections Need Your Help!

The most important job each of us has is to recruit worthy members into the Order of the Arrow so that we build stronger troop leaders. Please help our lodge with Unit Elections next year between January and April 2018.

This year, we have launched special teams in the Northern and Southern portions of our council to better serve our troops as they conduct these elections. No experience is required, and training is available free of charge. Anyone who has ever conducted a Unit Election knows that they have made a difference in the lives of Scouts and the lodge here at Westchester-Putnam. Please contact our Vice Chiefs at OperationsViceChief@Ktemaque.org to volunteer.

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