During the first week of August, thirty-one Boy Scouts and their adult leaders traveled to East Lansing, Michigan to participate in the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Michigan State University. Several other adult volunteers from the area, including 5 members from our lodge, worked as staff members at this milestone event. Every three years, youth and adult members of the Order of the Arrow gather on the campus of a major university for NOAC. This conference is the Boy Scouts of America's second-largest national event. This year, NOAC was focused on celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. The event this year drew more than 15,000 youth and adults from all across the United States and as far away as Europe and Asia."This NOAC is a milestone for the Scouting movement, and is one of the greatest highlights of my personal Scouting career. After serving as the chief of the Ktemaque Lodge as part of the Westchester-Putnam Council of the BSA, I now fully appreciate how broad our organization really is throughout the US and the rest of the world," said Miles G., a recent graduate of New Rochelle High School. According to Rob C., who is soon stepping down as the adult volunteer advisor to Ktemaque after 12 years of service and is a veteran of more than 6 previous NOAC experiences, “NOAC is the opportunity for all of us in our program to spend a week with like-minded Scouts who are dedicated to the spirit of cheerful service and personal accountability. All of the young men who attended the 2015 had an opportunity to learn about our history, re-dedicate themselves to a service-oriented life, and enjoy the spirit of brotherhood as part of 15,000 other Scouts who share the same interests.” The theme of “It Starts With Us” and the mission of “Dare to Do” inspired all attending brothers to pledge that they would continue the spirit of cheerful service in their daily lives in the next hundred days.
Chiefly Speaking

Recently elected Chief of Ktemaque Lodge during the Spring Weekend, Chris K., is a focused, dedicated and enthusiastic Ordeal member who wants to focus on bringing more active members into our brotherhood. After serving on the Buckskin Waterfront staff at Camp Read this summer and hosting the weekly OA Ice Cream Social, Chris is preparing for his Brotherhood Quest at the Fall Weekend and inspiring all Arrowmen to seal their bonds of Brotherhood this year and earn their Arrowman Service Award by December 31st. Chris is eager to lead, but needs more youth to serve the lodge. Please email him directly to volunteer for any of the open positions shown on our masthead!

Where To Go Camping

A Where To Go Camping directory is on the Ktemaque Lodge website. This directory lists Council camps and outdoor facilities in the northeast region. A link to this directory is on the bottom of the Ktemaque Lodge website's home page at www.Ktemaque.org.

The directory was prepared and is maintained by the Northeast Region Order of the Arrow to assist Scouting leaders with their planning of a varied, interesting, and educational year-round program of camping and outdoor activities.

Beaver Tracks

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The following Arrowmen contributed to the production of this issue:

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Section 2015 Conclave

Twenty Ktemaque Arrowmen and leaders traveled to Baiting Hollow Scout Camp in Long Island during the weekend of June 12-14th to participate in the Section NE-2B annual Conclave and elections. The Section Leadership Team, Council of Chiefs and Shinnecock Lodge (The Conclave Service Lodge) planned a spectacular centennial Conclave event for the members of Section NE-2B focused on the Conclave theme: “From Treasure Island To Long Island And Every Island In Between” and also focused on the OA’s 100th Anniversary. The Section Conclave provides an annual opportunity for our 5 Member Lodges to come together for a weekend of fun, fellowship and training. This Conclave was a great way for new OA members to jump start their OA experience and to meet others from around the Section. The cardboard boat building contest was a challenge our lodge accepted with gusto, and we finished a respectable third place this year. “This conclave is a milestone for our section during the 100th Anniversary of the Order. I urge all of you to get involved in your lodge and our section and remain committed to cheerful service,” said Section Chief Chris B. After Ktemaque swung the votes in each officer election, Chris B. thanked our lodge for supporting him and pledged to serve another term with distinction.

How You Can Help Our Lodge

Are you interested in becoming a lodge Chairman or want to volunteer to help our lodge in some other way? There are some available positions for youths and adults in our lodge. Please consider volunteering for one of them. How can you help our lodge? Volunteer to help our Ceremonial team, Cub Scout Ceremonies, Elangomats, Service Activities, Unit Elections, Summer Camp Promotions, Lodge Newsletter, Lodge Web Site, Lodge Facebook page, Record Minutes at monthly LEC meetings, or help at our lodge’s games at Thunderbird Games, or one of the other committees in the Officers list.

Come to our monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings and the Fall Service Weekend. The dates and locations are one our lodge calendar. Talk to our Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser and volunteer.
Brotherhood Quest

Brotherhood membership is the second and final induction phase of membership in the Order of the Arrow.

If you have been active in the lodge for ten months or more, you are encouraged to become a Brotherhood member in our lodge. The Fall Service Weekend is your next chance to do your Brotherhood Quest and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow. Get your sash with an arrow and red bars.

If you have continued to faithfully serve your fellow Scouts and if you are committed to cheerful service to others, Brotherhood is the next step towards that goal. The Brotherhood Quest is a way to reaffirm your dedication to the Order and its ideals. It is also an invitation to get more involved in the lodge.

The next Brotherhood Quest is at the Fall Service Weekend on September 18-20, 2016 at Durland Scout Reservation. The requirements are simple:
- Ten months service as an Ordeal member.
- Registered active membership in Scouting.
- Registered active membership in the OA.
- Memorization of the Obligation, the OA Song, and the Admonition.
(See your Order of the Arrow Handbook.)

New Brotherhood Members

Congratulations to the following new Brotherhood members who sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow. All new Brotherhood members are encouraged to contact our Lodge Chief Chris K. to discuss how you can help our lodge. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

New Brotherhood Members Spring 2015
C., Aidan
D., Clayton
L., Kevin
M., Brendan
W., Aidan
W., Joy Lynn

National Leadership Seminar (NLS)

Go to www.Ktemaque.org for information about the Order of the Arrow’s NLS on November 13-15, 2015 or contact our Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser.

Fall Service Weekend

Just a reminder that the Fall Service Weekend will be September 18-20th at Durland Scout Reservation. Brothers are needs to assist as Elangomats during the Ordeal, and everyone who has not yet sealed their bonds of Brotherhood are urged to complete the Brotherhood Quest. All information can be found on the lodge website at http://www.ktemaque.org/index.html in the Upcoming Events page.

Vice Chief of Communications

My name is Jack K. and I am the newly elected Vice Chief of Communications for our lodge. This is my first time being the Communications Vice Chief. My primary responsibility is overseeing the lodge newsletter. What I have to do is make sure all the newsletters come together and get sent out. I also oversee all the Minutes for each Lodge Executive Committee meeting. I am an Ordeal member in Ktemaque Lodge and hope to seal my bonds of Brotherhood in September. I am a Life Scout and the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 1 Mount Kisco. I am NYLT trained, and served as a CIT at Camp Read this summer. Through my Scouting career I have been the Scribe, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Patrol Leader for my Troop. Although I am a new member of the OA, I have served as an Elangomat, have attended one OA Section Conclave, and attended the 2015 NOAC. Next summer, I will be going to Philmont. If you have any questions about anything communications related you can email me or my adviser at (Restricted) or (Restricted)
Dear Ktemaque Lodge Brothers,

During my visit to Arrow Tour at Durland Scout Reservation recently, I was flooded with memories of the friends I have made and the experiences I have had as a result of being a member of the Order of the Arrow. Since taking my Ordeal way back in May of 1973 to my first NOAC at Miami (Ohio) University in 1974 to my waterbucket freezing during my Vigil in November of 1976, and my bus trip with 48 brothers and advisers to NOAC 1977 in Knoxville, Tennessee my friendships and my bonds in Scouting became that much deeper. One of the true highlights of my Scouting career and my life was attending the Lodge Chief’s Breakfast during the ’77 NOAC. It was at that time I had the pleasure to meet E. Urner G. and Carroll A. E. in the flesh! I spoke with them, shook their hands and they both signed my sash! I have the sash and will treasure it always. The bonds of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow are truly lasting, and many of my closest friends today are those who I was chapter and lodge officers in the late ‘70’s, that’s more than forty years. Therefore, I encourage all of you, especially our youth members to stick with this great movement, we need you, and you will be glad you did!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Pat C.

Congratulations to all our new Ordeal members for being elected (adults nominated) and completing their Ordeal at the Spring Service Weekend. We welcome you to our lodge and the Order of the Arrow. We hope to see you at lots of our future activities and events.

New Ordeal Members Spring 2015
A., Michael               B., Angelo
B., Ankush                B., Daniel
B., Frank                 B., Dina
B., Richard               B., Kevin
B. Jr., Kevin             C., Claude
C., Joseph                C., Aidan
E., Sean                  G., Kevin
H., Nicky                 U., Jackson
H., Ryan                  I., Andrew
J., Thomas                L., Kyle
L., Giovanni              V., Nicholas
L., John                  M., Jake
M., Clifford Louis        S., Daniel
O., Ronke                 P., Dillon
P., Joseph                P., Daniel
R., Kyle Cameron          R., Nicholas
R., Henry William         W., Brendan
S., Christopher           Solis, Alberto
S., Matthew               S., Jorell
S., Edward Lucas
T., John William
S., Ethan Lee
H., Ethan Angel
C., Bartholomew
L., Andrew Richard
S., Riley Mario
D. Cova, Henry
E., Dylan Tyler
L., Andrew Averill
R., Keith John
H., Stan
L. Jr., Jose
O., Oyedeji
L. Sr., Jose
Elangomats

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to serve as Elangomats to help the Ordeal Candidates during the Fall Service Weekend on September 18-20, 2015 at Durland Scout Reservation. An Elangomat is an youth or adult OA member who guides and helps the Ordeal Candidates through the challenges of their Ordeal. They were the ones wearing the sashes that went everywhere with you on your Ordeal journey. Brotherhood members are encouraged to be an Elangomat. Elangomat Training is available. Information about how to earn the Elangomat t-shirt is in the Fall Service Weekend section on the Ktemaque Lodge web site. The Elangomat Recognition form also has the requirements to earn the Elangomat Patch, the Brotherhood segment, the Cheerfulness segment, and the Service segment for the Elangomat patch. The form is on our Forms web page. Contact our Elangomat Chairman at (Restricted) or Brian G., our Elangomat Adviser at (Restricted) if you can serve as an Elangomat, want training information, or if you have questions.

Mountain Biking at Read

Since 1999, the National OA Committee has annually selected lodges from each region to receive matching service grants. For 2015, 16 lodges in councils across the nation were chosen to receive a combined total of $50,000 dollars in matching grants via the 2015 OA Service Grant program. Fortunately, Ktemaque Lodge received $4,300 to provide a mountain biking trail and related equipment for the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. Matched with lodge funds, our council was able to launch a mountain biking program in record time. This summer, campers at Read were able to enjoy 20 bikes and gear, featuring red OA branded water bottles, after our brothers toiled arduously in May during our Ordeal Weekend constructing the required bike trails. We hope that when you see a shirt or patch from Camp Read with a mountain biker featured, you will take pride in knowing that our lodge made this exciting high adventure program which will continue to be used for years to come.
Lodge Web Site

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

ArrowTour

The Order of the Arrow and its members commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the OA with a U.S. cross-country tour to help reflect, connect and discover the OA’s past, present and future. ArrowTour made 110 stops across the country during the summer of 2015, to give current and former OA members, Scout and adult volunteers and Scouting alumni a chance to be a part of the 100th anniversary celebration. Ktemaque was proud to host ArrowTour at our Durland Scout Reservation on July 21st. “For almost 100 years, being a servant leader is what the Order of the Arrow has been all about,” said Alex C., national chief of the Order of the Arrow. “It was our hope that ArrowTour would be an opportunity to tell the story of the Order of the Arrow by reflecting on our past and at the same time motivating others to give of themselves in service to others in the future.” ArrowTour guests had an opportunity to participate in a program that included a show which recognized the Order’s rich history and empowered participants to help shape the organization’s future. The tour stop also included interactive exhibits with activities such as silk-screening, branding and challenging games. After all the activities were finished, Ktemaque’s ArrowTour stop provided attendees with a free BBQ dinner. Participants also had a chance to meet some of the OA’s national youth leaders, learn about the Scouting Alumni Association and local alumni efforts to supporting Scouting in our area. There was even exclusive ArrowTour trading post which carried ArrowTour and OA centennial merchandise for sale.

Calendar 2015

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

September

18-20 Lodge Fall Service Weekend, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Quest
Durland Scout Reservation, Putnam Valley, NY

29 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Room (on lower level)
Westchester-Putnam Council Service Center
41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

October

17 Thunderbird Games
10 AM arrive to help set up. Noon to 4 PM games, 4 PM to 4:30 take down games and clean site.
Croton Point Park, Croton-On-Hudson, NY

TBA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Room (on lower level)
Westchester-Putnam Council Service Center
41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

November

13-15 National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar
Alpine Scout Camp, 441 US Hwy 9 W
Alpine, NJ

21 Council Popcorn Take Order Pickup
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Volunteers are needed.

TBA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Room (on lower level)
Westchester-Putnam Council Service Center
41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

December

15 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Room (on lower level)
Westchester-Putnam Council Service Center
41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

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/groups/KtemaqueLodge15/
Fall Service Weekend, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Quest
September 18 - 20, 2015, Durland Scout Reservation. This weekend event will be held RAIN OR SHINE.

Register in advance at [http://ktemaque.org/forms.html](http://ktemaque.org/forms.html). NO WALK-INS. The registration form for the Fall Service Weekend and the Brotherhood Quest will be added here when it is available in August.

Make sure your medical form (THREE pages) is submitted with your registration form. No one will be allowed in camp without them. The medical form MUST BE SIGNED on Part A by parents or by participant if he is over 18 years old.

**The two forms and your payment MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER than September 11, 2015.**

Do NOT use the Fall Service Weekend registration form to register for the Ordeal. The Ordeal registration form was mailed after April 1 to elected Scouts and nominated adults who have been approved by the selection committee. If you do not receive your letter by May 1 or if you have misplaced the form sent to you, contact the Operations Adviser. Ordeal candidates should bring all the items listed in the letter they received in April. Ordeal candidates must register at least 30 days in advance.

Two forms (registration form and medical form) are REQUIRED to register for the Fall Service Weekend or Brotherhood Quest. Go to our Forms web page to get the two required forms in one fillable pdf document.

Those who paid for the 2015 Ktemaque Lodge Golden Beaver Membership MUST submit a registration form so there will be enough food and their medical form, but no payment is needed.

Eat supper before you arrive on Friday.
Participants (not Ordeal Candidates) should bring work clothes, work gloves, water bottle, clothes to dress for the weather (it can get cold or rain), sleeping bag, pillow (optional), and personal care items. Adults with carpentry or electrical skills should bring their own personal tools. We shall be working on many projects all around camp.

Bring about $20 in small bills if you want to purchase Ktemaque Lodge and Order of the Arrow items at the Ktemaque Lodge Trading Post.

All brothers who want to help the candidates experience a quality Ordeal by assisting as an Elangomat should contact the Head Elangomat in advance and mark on the registration form that they want to be an Elangomat. Training is available. New Ordeal members and new Brotherhood members are especially encouraged to serve as an Elangomat.

If you have been active in the lodge for ten months or more since completing your Ordeal, now is your chance to become a Brotherhood member of our Lodge. **All Ordeal members should complete their Brotherhood Quest, which is the second and final induction phase of membership in the Order of the Arrow. Completion of the Brotherhood Quest signifies full membership in the Order of the Arrow.**

Brotherhood requirements are to complete 10 months of unit service as an Ordeal member, maintain your active registered membership in Scouting, maintain your active registered membership in the Order of the Arrow, memorize the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Order of the Arrow handclasp (See the Order of the Arrow Handbook), and to gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed (See "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal" in the Order of the Arrow Handbook).

Register in advance (NO WALK-INS) for your Brotherhood Quest using the 2015 Fall Service Weekend registration form, medical form (Parts A and B), and mail your payment to the Council Service Center postmarked by September 11, 2015.

Brotherhood Quest participants should arrive Friday between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. wearing your official uniform and your Ordeal sash. Bring a water bottle, old work clothes, clothing for the weather, a sleeping bag (optional pillow), and your backpack.

We encourage everyone to attend the entire weekend, but if your time is very limited you may do your Brotherhood Quest on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Durland Scout Reservation. Check in at the Jones Cabin on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Saturday-only participants should arrange in advance to be picked up Saturday at 9:00 p.m. at the Jones Cabin. Be sure to check "Saturday only" on your registration form. The Saturday-only fee includes lunch and supper.
OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Adviser

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

The deadline is September 30 for units to submit the registration forms for the OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Representative Adviser. These forms and more information about these positions are on the Ktemaque Lodge web site.

Scouts may use the OA Troop Representative position to meet the leadership position requirements for the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks.

If you have questions, contact our Lodge Adviser Mr. Rob C. at (Restricted)

Thunderbird Games 2015

Remember how much fun you had at the Thunderbird Games when you were a Cub Scout? Help make this year's Thunderbird Games a fun and memorable event for the Cub Scouts!

Many volunteers are needed to help our lodge at the Thunderbird Games on October 17, 2015 at Croton Point Park in Croton-On-Hudson. Our lodge plans to run two games on Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. and some of us will be walking around in regalia on Saturday.

All OA volunteers must sign in with our Lodge Chief Chris K. so he will know who participated. All volunteers will receive a Thunderbird Games patch.

Remember to wear your official uniform with your OA sash and bring a water bottle. Dress for the weather. It can be windy and chilly in the game area.

Contact our Service Vice Chief Anthony R. at (Restricted) to sign up or if you have questions. Please sign up in advance.

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