Lodge Banquet
Ktemaque Lodge celebrated its 45th Anniversary on January 3rd with its Annual Banquet held at The Mansion at the Colonial Terrace in Cortland. The program was kicked off with an opening by our Ceremonies Team led by Joseph Confolane. Master of Ceremonies Nick Kaplan made his opening remarks before introducing Chief Jack Kiernan, who led everyone in a grace written by the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell.

Following a delicious buffet dinner, Nick introduced the Scout Executive for Westchester-Putnam Council, a Vigil Honor member and our Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. Rich Stockton. As a youth, Mr. Stockton received his Eagle Scout Award in February 1979 in Nebraska. He served Scouting as a volunteer in many positions including District Camping Chairman, Camp Commissioner, Camp Program Director, & Camp Director. Rich began his service as a professional Scouter in 1995 and has served Scouting as a District Executive, Exploring Executive, Camp Director, Council Program Director, Field Director and Assistant Scout Executive. He was promoted in 2007 to the position of Scout Executive for the Green Mountain Council – Vermont. In 2010, Rich was selected as the Scout Executive for the Twin Rivers Council near Albany NY. He served there for 7 years before being selected as the new Scout Executive for the Westchester-Putnam Council during the summer of 2017. Mr. Stockton discussed some great anecdotes about high adventure and backpacking, witnessing a young man overcoming a slow start to finish climbing a mountain, his multiple NOAC experiences, and his plans to recruit a contingent of Ktemaque brothers to fill a Philmont trek contingent. For many of us, it was our first time meeting Mr. Stockton, and he made a great impression as an outdoorsman who lives to serve.

We are fortunate he is our Supreme Chief of the Fire, and we look forward to working together with him on service projects for years to come.

Chief Kiernan then spoke with the audience and recognized the 110 new brothers who completed their Ordeal in 2017. He then recognized the service of Elangomats and their leaders, Chairman David White and adviser Mr. Troge. Chief Kiernan reported that in 2017, Ktemaque inducted 24 new brothers who completed their Brotherhood Quest either at our Fellowship Weekend in March, at Camp Read in May or at Durland in September. His role of Nimat has now been passed to Charles Uchetel, who will oversee the 2018 Brotherhood Quest program with Mr. Kiernan. This year there will be at least 3 opportunities to seal Brotherhood bonds at our Fellowship Weekend in March and at the Ordeal weekends in May and September. Chief Kiernan challenged all Ordeal brothers, no matter what decade they joined our Order, to complete their Brotherhood Quest this year. He congratulated Mr. Kevin Wiggers for his long record of service to our Ceremonies as advisor before stepping down in 2017, and thanked Mr. Confolane, who is our new Ceremonies Advisor.

As our Unit Election cycle begins, Chief Kiernan thanked in advance Vice Chiefs Brent Grafer and Depo Oyerinde for conducting these elections, who are supported by their Operations Adviser, Mr. Kristensen.

Thomas Schivley was recognized for leading our Fellowship Weekend, Joseph Confolane spoke about the great plans for the Section Conclave we are hosting and Mr. Brian Grafer made a presentation about our lodge contingent to NOAC. Chief Kiernan concluded his remarks by thanking 15 brothers who helped him most this past year and
presented them with a special lodge flap with a red border called the Chief’s Award. Almost all of the Chief’s Awards went to youth, but Jack presented one to Mr. Behan for serving as Lodge Adviser in 2017 until he retired to pursue a career in Scouting, Mr. Carlson for returning to serve as Lodge Adviser, and to Mr. Babbage for serving as Staff Advisor.

Hello Brothers,

2018 has been an excellent year so far for our lodge. The Lodge Banquet and Catamount Ski Day were huge successes, and our committees are vigorously planning for the next big events. The Fellowship Weekend will be held in March, allowing brothers to enjoy a relaxing, unifying retreat or the opportunity to seal their bonds of Brotherhood in the Order. Additionally, the Section Conclave, hosted by our lodge, is becoming a larger focus as it draws closer. I am certain that 2018 has been great and can only get better.

How much of what we do every day is only because someone is watching or going to check up on us? We do homework because there will be consequences if we don’t. We clean our room because there will be consequences if we don’t. In Scouts, there really aren’t a lot of consequences. No one gets in trouble if they don’t follow through on their responsibilities or do what they said they were going to do. Nobody gets kicked out of our lodge if they skip a meeting or drop the ball on an assignment. Instead, it usually falls to someone else to pick up the slack. Someone else will usually step up to get the job done, whether it is planning, or promoting or even attending an event. In my opinion, that is a shame. As brothers, we are expected to live up to our word. We are expected to not shirk our responsibilities, or avoid the tough tasks. We are blessed to have others in our lodge who will step in to get things done, usually the adults, but some youth as well, and they do it because they love our program and truly want to serve others. They do what needs to be done because it needs to be done, not because they will get an award or special recognition. Those are the brothers who set the example for all of us, and those are the brothers we need to become. To all of you who make a difference for our lodge, for our Scouts, for our communities and for our families, Thank You.

Sincerely,

Lodge Chief Jack Kiernan
Lodge Fellowship 2018

The Fellowship weekend is an important activity for the lodge. Once a year the lodge comes together for a weekend of fun games and other activities. This year all our activities will follow a theme of different video games. In addition to these great activities, like rifle shooting and hiking course races, we will be hosting a Brotherhood Quest simultaneously for all ordeal members eligible for Brotherhood. Also, we are inviting Council Webelos for a separate track of activities. The Event will begin on the 23rd of March and end on Sunday the 25th. Friday will be a night mainly for registration and icebreakers. Saturday morning will be the shooting sports activities which includes rifle shooting and tomahawk throwing. Lunch will follow those activities. The afternoon consists of a few unique activities that I have planned for the weekend. Dinner as with all other meals will be made by the adult staff. We will then be watching the movie Inception and playing party games for the evening. Throughout the day though there will be alternate activities happening including OA Brotherhood and Webelos activities. The next morning will be closing ceremonies and then all will go home. I look forward to everyone being there as this is one of the best events the lodge hosts every year emphasizing the fun aspect of scouting in droves of enjoyable activities with fellow scouts. I have enjoyed planning this event a ton and I hope you enjoy attending! You need to register in advance so we can buy food and plan the activities. The cost is $20 for all brothers, and an extra $25 for Brotherhood Quest candidates. You will also need a medical form for the weekend. Register at http://www.wpcbssa.org/Event.aspx?id=1848 BEFORE MARCH 16th!

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

WEBELOS WOODS

Members of Ktemaque Lodge would like to build upon the fun that they had working with Webelos Scouts at the Thunderbird Games last October by inviting them to a new special event at the end of March. On Saturday, March 24th at 9am at Durland Scout Reservation, Webelos and their leaders (or parents) are invited to join us for a morning of Webelos Woods. We will spend a few hours working together on Scouting skills like first aid, fire building, knots, and knife and axe safety and then enjoy a hot lunch together. There is no cost to the Webelos for this inaugural rain-or-shine event, and it will conclude by 1pm. Contact ServiceAdviser@ktemaque.org to volunteer to help if you are interested.

Movie Night/Ski Weekend

Chief Kieman fulfilled part of his vision this year by planning two special events for our lodge that were just for fun. As a special holiday activity to carry our fellowship into the New Year, Ktemaque Lodge hosted a private screening of The Last Jedi on Saturday morning, December 30th at a discounted price for 55 brothers and family members. It was not a fundraiser and was enjoyed by all, especially once the film got fixed (it got stuck 10 minutes before the end!)

To keep the fun going, Ktemaque Lodge then hosted a ski day at Catamount Ski Resort in January. 25 brothers and family members, friends, neighbors and relatives joined together for a day of skiing in picture perfect weather. Both of these events were so well-received, we plan to do more of them in the fall and next winter. Thank you all for attending!
$50,000 ENDOWMENT in 1 YEAR
At the 2017 Lodge Banquet, Mr. Gordon Whiting announced a vision to create a trust fund for Ktemaque to provide money every year to send youth members to OA leadership training at the section and national levels, like Philmont. He made a very generous donation to get us started, then challenged us to raise another $7,500, which he agreed to match. By selling special lodge flaps (which are still available), the lodge exceeded its goal. This impressed Mr. Whiting so much that he gave us an even larger donation. Ktemaque Lodge now has $50,000 in an endowment fund that we will use to send brothers to training to help lead our lodge in the future. The lodge will recognize Mr. Whiting with a plaque to thank him for his vision and donation in March, and we plan to add to the endowment every year with continued fundraising. Thank you to everyone who purchased special lodge flaps (especially the numbered sets and the collectible metal flap) and to Mr. Fenty for leading this fundraising effort. Our lodge will be stronger because of this training going forward.

Calendar 2018

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

March
10  University of Scouting (Lodge Training)
20  LEC Meeting
22  Thunderbird Meeting
23-25  OA Fellowship Weekend

April
2  Unit Elections Deadline
8  Section NE-2B CoC
24  LEC Meeting

May
5  OA Service Corps
18-20  OA Ordeal
22  LEC Meeting

June
8-10  OA Conclave
26  LEC Meeting

July-August
7/29-8/4  NOAC 2018

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 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.

To log your Unit Elections, please visit this site: http://www.wpcbsa.org/Ktemaque/ElectionGuide/2018ElectionResults

DUES
Pay your Dues! $12 annually or 3-years at $33 or embrace the Golden Beaver experience by paying $100 and attending all events (except NOAC) for no additional cost. Pay online at http://www.wpcbsa.org/AnnualDues/

WEAR the FLAP, PAY the DUES
Pay Your DUES
Airport Service
On Saturday, May 5th at the White Plains Airport, our lodge will be part of a special biennial disaster drill. (SHHHH! IT’S A SECRET....) Previously, we checked in at 7am, got assigned an injury, and then had make-up artists apply blood and bruises to make us look very realistic. We ate a lot of free doughnuts while we waited to get dropped off on an unused runway that we set up as if a plane crashed. There were bodies all over the place, they had fires going, lot of sirens, it was intense. Our job will be to pretend to have an injury, wait to get treated, and then react as the EMS workers do their job. Mr. Kristensen got to ride in an ambulance for a really long time, others of us were eating lunch by noon. It is a little messy and we have to dress for the weather, but it was very helpful to the EMS workers to get the practice and everyone enjoying being a patient with the gory make-up. We need to have final headcount by April 12th so release forms can be submitted and final instructions sent to participants. Registration is required at http://www.wpcbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1994.

Brotherhood Quest
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Vigil Honors

The Order of the Arrow provides numerous leadership opportunities for its members to excel and be recognized for their accomplishments. Leadership and alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. 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. It cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to their lodge, the OA, the Scouting community or Scout Camp. Under no circumstances is tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

At the Annual Banquet last month, Ktemaque Lodge recognized the 8 Brothers who were bestowed the Vigil Honor in 2017 for their selfless service. They were each presented with a certificate and applauded for their dedication to our program. These new Vigil Honor members then joined all other Vigil Honor members present at the banquet in forming an honor guard as four new brothers were called out for the Vigil Honor in 2018. Youth chairmen Evan Attinger and Ian Troge, who led our more recent Vigil selection process, called out Mr. George Peborde, Mr. Chris Kristensen, Brent Grafer and Jack Kiernan. These brothers will complete their Vigil in 2018, and we look forward to their continued service and leadership. Congratulations George, Chris, Brent and Jack!

Why be an Elangomat? Who wouldn’t want to spend a weekend camping and hanging out with friends? Do you remember the food that was “out of this world” at the end your Ordeal? Well, imagine a weekend full of that mouthwatering, steamy goodness on a plate.

What is an Elangomat you ask? Well, those Scouts helping you through the challenges are known as Elangomats. They were the ones wearing the sashes who went everywhere with you on your journey. From the opening ceremony to the hard day’s work, they were alongside you as your guide.

Because of this, we need previous Elangomats and eager new ones to help fellow Scouts through their upcoming Ordeal. Youth and adult members are welcome to join us in the role of mentoring new candidates. Training for this role will be held prior to the Spring Ordeal, and help is always appreciated. Being an Elangomat is a great way to become an active member of Ktemaque Lodge. The training is short, lasting approximately 3-4 hours, but is necessary. You will be given recognition for your contributions such as an Elangomat T-shirt and segment patches. Brotherhood members are encouraged to participate.

To register to become an Elangomat, contact our Elangomat Chairman, Evan Attinger, at ElangomatChairman@Ktemaque.org or Adviser Mr. Dan Troge at ElangomatAdviser@Ktemaque.org for specific dates, training, and more information.

Ceremonies

Chief Kiernan pointed out the common thread is our Ceremonies team. He congratulated Mr. Keith Wiggers for his long record of service to our Ceremonies as advisor before stepping down in 2017, and thanked Mr. Curtis Conalbone who is our new Ceremonies Advisor.

New and Improved 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.
SECTION NE-2B CONCLAVE

On June 8-10 at Seton Scout Reservation in Greenwich CT, Ktemaque Lodge will host the 2018 Section NE-2B Conclave. Chairman Joseph Confalone is busy at work planning and preparing to make this the best conclave ever. As host lodge, Ktemaque needs every member to pitch in to help with the program and logistics that will ensure this will be a success. Registration will be on our council website, and your participation is formally requested. Please join this annual event, and stay tuned for additional details via email soon. See you there!

LODGE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On Saturday, March 10th at 8:30am at Iona Prep in New Rochelle, brothers from Ktemaque Lodge will gather to learn from each other and become stronger leaders. We will participate in a large opening ceremony with members of the University of Scouting at 8:30 AM, then we will begin our training at 9 AM. Details about the room location will be announced that day. From 9 AM until noon, we will focus on leadership and lodge operations and program topics. At noon, we will break for lunch, which you can buy in the cafeteria or bring from home. From 1 PM until 3 PM, we will offer Elangomat training and Ceremonies training for any new brothers who want to participate in our upcoming Spring Ordeal at Camp Read and Fall Ordeal at Durland Scout Reservation. There is no cost for this training, but you need to register in advance at http://www.wpcbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1993

DECIDE YOUR DESTINY AT NOAC THIS SUMMER (2018)

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow. 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 July 30-August 4 at Indiana University. All youth members of Ktemaque Lodge are invited!

Arrowmen travel to NOAC with a contingent from our lodge, sleep in dorms, eat in the cafeterias, and have a blast attending NOAC events throughout the campus. 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. Another way to get important ideas are through demonstrations, workshops and talking to other Arrowmen. 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.

For the entertainment lover, 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. You can usually catch a glimpse of the best American Indian Activity participants at the American Indian Show. The Theme show is 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. Our cost will be $900 which includes all transportation, meals, lodging and swag. We look forward to having you in Ktemaque Lodge's NOAC 2018's contingent! Contact LodgeAdviser@Ktemaque.org to ask questions or sign up.
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