In his first event as Chief over the weekend of June 9-11, Jack Kiernan led our 16 member lodge contingent at the Section 2B Conclave at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation. The training modules in the morning were well received, but everyone really comes to conclave for the fun stuff. Training covered the Path to Brotherhood, Membership Retention, The Vigil Honor, Section Chief’s Iced Tea Chat, Adviser's Coffee Chat, Running Effective Meetings, and Membership Retention. There were also elective classes in Photography and Outdoor Cooking.

It was exciting to see our Westchester-Putnam Scouts in action against Arrowmen from NYC, Greenwich, and Long Island. One highlight saw our squad deliver a tenacious effort in an advanced canoeing obstacle course, placing third against competition who were well-experienced and exceptionally strong with their paddles. **For the first time in recent history, Ktemaque took high honors as champions of the Overall Competition,** dominating the evening intellectual contests with superior knowledge in the Visual Trivia and Jeopardy games. It pays to bring Pokemon experts when that is the theme for the conclave! Mr.Robert and Ms. Rachael Carlson raised well needed funds to offset event costs with their annual patch auction, and it was their smoothest auction so far. Well done to both of you.

Thank you to all the members of the Ktemaque contingent for representing us at this annual section event. The program and facilities were great. Many ideas were considered over the weekend about how to make the next conclave even better, and since we are hosting, we know that it will be. See you next June!
Chiefly Speaking

I am humbled to have been elected as your lodge chief. I have served in the past as our Vice Chief of Communications, and have not missed many event in the past three years. I have met many of you as part of the Brotherhood Quest over the past two years, and I know how much everyone cares about this lodge, our council and our community. I am excited to lead this lodge in new directions over the next year. I hope to get Ordeal members involved in our lodge immediately. I want to continue to increase the number of new candidates who join our lodge this year through better promotions and unit election procedures. Finally, I would like to divide many of our current job opportunities into more manageable responsibilities so that a greater number of our brothers can contribute to help us achieve our goals. I need your help. Those who chose you in your troop need you to continue to serve our Scouting program. I promise that I will work to find ways to make that easier for you to do so over the next year.

Welcome Back Mr. Carlson

In June, the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. Marc Andreo, asked Mr. Robert Carlson to return as Lodge Advisor to help maintain the stability of leadership following the retirement of Mr. Bob Behan. Mr. Carlson served as Advisor to Ktemaque from 2003-2015. His accomplishments with the Lodge are innumerable. Mr. Carlson has been charged with the primary objective over the next couple of years to continue to recruit more active youth and adults to fully participate in our Lodge’s program, which most agree is exceptional. With a large number of Ordeal candidates expected at the Fall Service Weekend, annual service at Thunderbird Games, community service projects, and hosting the Section Conclave next June before NOAC at the end of July, Mr. Carlson and Chief Jack Kiernan have their priorities very clearly defined, but they need more active Brothers to help deliver this program over the next year. Expect to be recruited by either Mr. Carlson or Jack to help out somehow – they need your help to serve our Scouts. Please support them!

Thank You Mr. Behan

On behalf of Ktemaque Lodge, we want to thank Mr. Robert Behan for his years of service as Lodge Advisor. Mr. Behan has been a member of our lodge since his youth, and his track record of service is an example for our young Brothers to emulate.

Mr. Behan served as Ktemaque’s lodge chief from 1990-1992 under the mentorship of his advisor, Mr. Mike Amico. He returned to the lodge more than 20 years later as a successful law enforcement officer in Carmel. After serving as Conclave Advisor when Ktemaque hosted in 2014, he was named Lodge Advisor following NOAC in 2015. Mr. Behan mentored Lodge Chiefs Xeres Libsch and Chris Krajca. They collectively brought great enthusiasm, new ideas and helped us embrace the spirit of the Order of the Arrow as it began its second century of service. He now needs to focus on his career as he approaches retirement, and has agreed to be a significant resource for our lodge as it begins an ambitious year of program and growth. All of us owe Mr. Behan a debt of gratitude for his dedication and service to Ktemaque. Thank you, Mr. Behan!
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.

New Ordeal Members
Smith, Robert Knowlton
Kelly, Kevin
Kelly, Patrick J.
Dos Santos, Devin
Dos Santos, William
White, David Roger
Stratford, Michael Joseph
Boogaard, Justin
Boogaard, Paul
McGuire, Christopher Stephen
McGuire, Christopher J.
Milani, Thomas
Bach, Dwight
Bach, Zachary
Sola, Samuel A.
Rohr, James
LaVecchia, Marco
Wszolek Jr., Michael J.
Brethower, Aaron
Voylicky, Branden August
Denfeld Sr., Jon P.
Venturini, Dominick
Venturini, Matthew
McLaren, Colin
Layton, John David
Layton, Clay
Layton, Mack

New Brotherhood Members
Uchetel, Charles Richard
Martine, Theo Joseph
Hernandez, Angel Luis

Calendar 2017-2018

You can see Ktemaque Lodge calendar in its entirety at www.wpcbsa.org/Ktemaque/LodgeCalendar.

August
29 LEC Meeting

September
15-17 Fall Service Weekend, Ordeal and Brotherhood
26 LEC Meeting

October
1 OA Reservoir Cleanup
14 Thunderbird Games
24 LEC Meeting

November
11 Lodge Training Day
28 LEC Meeting

December
2 Service Corps at Charter Turn-In Day
19 LEC Meeting

January
3 Lodge Banquet
21 Ski Day
23 LEC Meeting

February
20 LEC Meeting

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

April
24 LEC Meeting

May
4-6 Service Corps at Camporee
18-20 Spring Ordeal at Read
22 LEC Meeting

May 2017 Spring Ordeal

During the weekend of May 19th-21st, more than 54 brothers helped to conduct an Ordeal Weekend that initiated 27 new members to our Order of the Arrow at Camp Read. Perfect weather (for the ever-present bugs) and experienced leadership (who have now gone off to college) made this an Ordeal to remember.
Reservoir Service Project

Ktemaque Lodge brothers will step up to join dozens of other volunteers to keep our forests and reservoir shorelines free of debris on Sunday October 1st from noon until 3:00 PM. This annual cleanup event is part of an international effort to remove shoreline debris from beaches, lakes and other popular waterbodies around the world. We will serve at Muscoot, New Croton or Cross River shorelines depending upon need. To volunteer, send an email to Brandon DiPanfilo at ServiceViceChief@Ktemaque.org and he will send you information about where to meet for this 3-hour service project. All are welcome.

Come to NOAC 2018

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a multi-day event which usually takes place on a university campus, bringing together thousands of delegates from OA lodges around the nation for training and activities. NOACs are held every two years. Events include training for programs, leadership and American Indian culture; competitions in athletics, ceremonies, cooking and American Indian dances; and exhibits on OA history, outdoor activities and camping. There are also opportunities to talk with national leaders, perform service work and trade patches. Evening shows have different themes, including American Indian culture and recognition of dance competition winners, presentations of awards including the OA Distinguished Service Award and other entertainment.

The next NOAC will be held at Indiana University between July 30th and August 4th. Ktemaque lodge is forming a contingent to travel and participate in this fantastic Scouting experience. The cost is estimated to be $900 and will cover all transportation, meals, lodging and contingent shirts and patches. To sign up for the limited number of contingent slots we have been allocated by National, please send an email to our contingent leader Brian Grafer at ProgramAdviser@Ktemaque.org.
Lodge Banquet

Every year, all lodge members are invited to attend the annual lodge banquet. At the Banquet, the lodge invites speakers, such as the Region Chief, to say a few words about things within the Order. Also, awards such as the Founder’s Award and others are presented to those who have earned them in the previous year. There’s always excellent food, and a very good program to go along with it. It is one of the best events to attend outside of the Ordeals and the other activities the lodge facilitates because your family can attend with you.

The 2018 annual Lodge Banquet will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd at The Mansion at Colonial Terrace. Beginning in November, you can register at our lodge website http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque, the link for the OA Annual Banquet will be on the right side of the homepage. The cost is $30 per head, and the program will begin at 6:30pm and conclude by 9:00pm. All new Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members will be recognized, new Vigil candidates will be announced, the year in photos will be displayed, and our new Scout Executive will be our Keynote Speaker. Please come out and enjoy a great evening to kick off 2018!

Thunderbird Games

The Thunderbird Games is an event hosted by Westchester-Putnam Council every year at Croton Point Park that allows Cub Scouts who are interested in the events and activities associated with becoming a Boy Scout to learn about troops in the Council. Our OA Service Corps at the Thunderbird Games will staff a program area to teach Scouting skills to Webelos in the morning, and in the afternoon we will run stations that are fun for everyone to enjoy. Please volunteer to be part of our Service Corps and help to deliver a fantastic experience to our Cub Scouts and their families on October 14.

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/

National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow’s key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and Junior Leadership Training programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in the lodge, council, and community. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside of the Scouting program.

Developing Youth Leadership Conference

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will deepen an adviser’s capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge and chapter. Conference topics will include fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback that leads to changes in youth behavior and creating a life-long coaching/mentoring relationship. Conference participants will gain insights necessary to successfully coach youth applying the leadership skills they gained during the National Leadership Seminar.

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference will move us beyond lodge mechanics and operations to establishing a lodge and chapter culture that grows youth who are capable of establishing goals, building teams, and guiding the lodge’s work to achieve Journey to Excellence. Prior participation in the National Leadership Seminar is encouraged, but not required.

Both NLS and DYLC will be offered on November 10-12 in Alpine, NJ
Ktemaque's Year of Program

The following summarizes all the events that Ktemaque Lodge will be conducting over the next year. Our Chief asks that all Brothers commit to attend at least one event. There are so many ways to participate – as an Elangomat, Ceremony Principal, Ordeal volunteer, Service Committee member, or as an officer or committee chair for specific activities.

We need an army to deliver this program to our fellow Scouts.

Remember that pre-registration is usually necessary for these events to ensure that meals and materials can be purchased, so always check our website for information about each event at http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque. No pre-registration is necessary for any Lodge Executive Committee meeting, and all are welcome.

AUGUST
August 29 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on planning the Fall Weekend and October Service Projects.

SEPTEMBER
September 15-17 - our largest event of the year, all brothers gather at our Fall Weekend at Durland to help 100 new candidates complete their Ordeal. If you have not yet done so, you can register at our lodge website http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque and the link for the OA FALL SERVICE WEEKEND is on the right side of the homepage. The cost is $20 for the weekend to cover meals. There will also be an opportunity for all those with 10 months of participation in the Order of the Arrow to seal their bonds of membership by completing their Brotherhood Quest by learning more about the OA and our lodge. The cost of the Brotherhood Quest is $25 to cover a new sash, bolo tie and other materials. Ordeal candidates must pay the Ordeal fee.
September 24 – Section Council of Chiefs meeting at 2pm to plan the annual Conclave next June which will be hosted by our Ktemaque lodge. The meeting is at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne).
September 26 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on planning the October Service Projects and November training.

OCTOBER
October 1 – OA Service Project helping the DEP clean trash from the New Croton Reservoir in Katonah – 12pm to 3pm
October 14 – OA Service Corps at the Thunderbird Games at Croton Point Park. In the morning, we will staff a program area to teach Scouting skills to Webelos, in the afternoon we will run stations that are fun for everyone to enjoy.
October 24 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on planning the November training day and the Annual Banquet.

NOVEMBER
November 28 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on planning the the Annual Banquet and the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting.
DECEMBER

December 2 – OA Service Corps at Charter Turn-In Day. We will assist where needed as more than 250 units turn in their paperwork to recharter for another year. We will promote our camps and schedule unit elections. Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne).

December 19 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on planning the Annual Banquet, Unit Elections, the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting, and the Fellowship Weekend.

JANUARY

January 3, 2018 – Annual Lodge Banquet at The Mansion at Colonial Terrace. Beginning in November, you can register at our lodge website http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque and the link for the OA ANNUAL BANQUET is on the right side of the homepage. The cost is $30 per head. The program will begin at 6:30pm and conclude by 9pm. All new Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members will be recognized, new Vigil candidates will be announced, the year in photos will be displayed, and our new Scout Executive will be our Keynote Speaker.

January 21 – Ktemaque Lodge Day at Catamount Ski Resort in Hillsdale, NY. With at least 15 OA members participating, Catamount will offer us specially priced ski and snowboard packages including lift tickets, lessons, equipment and helmet rentals.

January 23 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on planning Unit Elections, the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting, and the Fellowship Weekend.

January 28 – Section Council of Chiefs meeting at 9am to train lodge leadership in a variety of OA-related topics in the morning, enjoy lunch at noon, and in the afternoon plan the annual Conclave next June which will be hosted by our Ktemaque lodge. The meeting is expected to be held at Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale, NY.

FEBRUARY

February 20 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on Unit Elections progress, the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting, and the Fellowship Weekend.

MARCH

March 10 – Lodge Training at the University of Scouting at Iona Prepatory (255 Wilmot Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10804). Specialized training for Lodge Leadership Development, officers, Ceremonies, Elangomats, advisors and new members. Brotherhood Quest may also be partially offered.

March 20 – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting, the Fellowship Weekend and the Spring Ordeal Weekend.

March 23-25 – Annual Fellowship Weekend and Brotherhood Quest at Durland. Enjoy a relaxing weekend of food and fun with your OA Brothers. Program to be determined, but helping some visiting Webelos on Saturday morning with advancement requirements, Scout skill competition in the afternoon, Rifle Shoot, movies, pie eating contests, breakfast cereal snacks and ice cream bar are all under consideration. There will also be an opportunity for all those with 10 months of participation in the Order of the Arrow to seal their bonds of membership by completing their Brotherhood Quest by learning more about the OA and our lodge. The cost of the Brotherhood Quest is $25 to cover a new sash, bolo tie and other materials.
**APRIL**

**April 8** – Section Council of Chiefs will meet to inspect the facilities at Seton Scout Reservations at 363 Riversville Rd, Greenwich, CT where our 2018 Conclave will be held.

**April 24** – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on the Service Corps for the Council Camporee, the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting, and the Spring Ordeal Weekend.

**MAY**

**May 4-6** – OA Service Corps at Council Camporee. We will assist where needed as more than 80 units gather for the first time in 4 years turn and we will also promote our camps.

**May 18-20** - our second largest event of the year, all brothers gather at our Spring Service Weekend at Camp Read to help 50 new candidates complete their Ordeal. You can register at our lodge website http://www.wpcbsa.org/ktemaque and the link for the OA SPRING SERVICE WEEKEND is on the right side of the homepage. The cost is $20 for the weekend to cover meals. There will also be an opportunity for all those with 10 months of participation in the Order of the Arrow to seal their bonds of membership by completing their Brotherhood Quest by learning more about the OA and our lodge. The cost of the Brotherhood Quest is $25 to cover a new sash, bolo tie and other materials. In addition to the Ordeal, Brotherhood Quest, service projects and Fellowship, our annual election of lodge officers will also be held.

**May 22** – Lodge Executive Committee meeting at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. Learn how upcoming events are planned, patches are designed, and leadership skills are developed. Focus will be on the the Section Conclave in June which Ktemaque is hosting and NOAC in July

**JUNE**

**June 8-10** – THE SECTION CONCLAVE! Ktemaque is hosting the annual event that brings members from 5 OA lodges together for a weekend of fun and fellowship. WE NEED A LOT OF HELP! Earn a special shirt, a special patch, and a lifetime of respect for being part of the team that delivered the best Conclave Program Ever. More information to come, but the event will be held at Seton Scout Reservations located at 363 Riversville Rd, Greenwich, CT.

**June 26** – No Lodge Executive Committee meeting this month, but instead the NOAC contingent will meet at Council Headquarters (41 Saw Mill River Road in Hawthorne). Begins at 7:30pm and ends by 9pm. Wear uniform and sash. NOAC leadership will review transportation, program, and all of the details to make this national adventure a fantastic experience.

**JULY**

**July 30-August 4** – The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a multi-day event which usually takes place on a university campus, bringing together thousands of delegates from OA lodges around the nation for training and activities. NOACs are held every two years. As a youth-led organization, these national conferences are organized and directed by the elected section and region youth officers, who serve on committees responsible for various conference aspects under the leadership of the conference vice-chief. Events include training for programs, leadership and American Indian culture; competitions in athletics, ceremonies, cooking and American Indian dances; and exhibits on OA history, outdoor activities and camping. There are also opportunities to talk with national leaders, perform service work and trade patches. Evening shows have different themes, including American Indian culture and recognition of dance competition winners, presentations of awards including the OA Distinguished Service Award and other entertainment. This NOAC will be held at Indiana University.
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