The Buck Tail

AJAPEU LODGE 33

Bucks County Council BSA

Order of the Arrow

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Lodge Chief's Farewell

Six years ago, as a naive child, I was inducted into what I would later be known as the Honor Society of Scouting. Six years ago I was also offered a job as a Counselor in Training at what would later be known as the Greatest Place on Earth. I'm sorry if you guessed Disney World you are wrong, it was Ockanickon Scout Reservation. Many people will tell you that camp and the OA go hand-in-hand, and they're right.

Six years ago, I could not pronounce the WWW portion of the Obligation. I could not remember the admonition. I didn't even know what an Executive Board was. When I was just a little child, although I can't honestly ever recall being little, I was ignorant of just what it was that Mr. Wilsey did. I had no idea that the OA did so much.

Six years ago, Ockanickon was foreign territory to me. I had no idea that camp was this massive operation. It was just something I did.

Six years ago, I was a child trying to blaze my own trail in school, in scouting, and in life. I was trying to not be my older brother. I was a child trying to do his own thing. I was trying to show the world up. I thought I had to be better than everyone else. I had to set the standard. I wanted nothing to do with anyone and didn't want anyone to help me with anything.

Today I reflect on the people I have encountered over the last six years. I reflect on who I am and what I believe. I think about everyone and everything that has helped me to become the person I am today. At the recent Program Launch I was given the opportunity to tell the Scouters of Bucks County thank you for putting on a fantastic program that the thousands of youth have and will benefit from. Today I would like to put a personal spin on it.

I would like to thank the Scouts and Scouters of Bucks County for helping me become the person I am today. Scouting helps young boys become men. Scouting instills in all people it touches a positive set of values. The Scouts and Scouters of Bucks County have taught me a lot over the last twelve years, but it has been over the last six that I have been able to truly benefit from the Scouting program. For the last six years I have had the pleasure of learning from people like Mr. Wilsey and advisors like Bill Thompson, Chris Fosmire, Kathy Lutz, Dennis Hallman, Fred Ritter, John Schaffer, Bill Kuhn, Al Folsom, Carl Trinko and the countless others. The Bucks County Scouting program has given me so much. So much that words cannot begin to express my gratitude to the Scouts and Scouters that I have worked with over the years.

About four years ago I was told something that I will never forget, "Scouting, it gets in your blood." It is definitely in mine and I am grateful for everything scouting has given me especially from my interaction with Ockanickon Scout Reservation and Ajapeu Lodge. *Citizenship, Character Building, Fitness.*

Yours in Scouting and Brotherhood.

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2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31 - August 5	National Order of the Arrow Conference	Iowa State University
AUGUST 27-29	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
SEPTEMBER 10-12	NLS and NLATS	(CAMP ALPINE)
SEPTEMBER 18-19	Lodge & Chapter Officer Training	(OCKANICKON)
SEPTEMBER 30	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
OCTOBER 28	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
OCT. 29-31	FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)
NOVEMBER 5-7	SECTION OFFICERS' SEMINAR	(CAMP ALPINE)
NOVEMBER 18	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
DECEMBER 16	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 27	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
FEBRUARY 24	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 12	LODGE FAMILY BANQUET 6 P.M.	(FOSTER DINING HALL)
MARCH 31	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 25 –26	NLS and NLATS Tentative Dates	(CAMP ALPINE)
APRIL 15-17	PLAYWICKI CHAPTER WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)
APRIL 28	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
APRIL 28	Deadline for Acceptance of Vigil Nominations	
APRIL 29- MAY 1	NLS and NLATS Tentative Dates	(TBA)
MAY 20-22	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
JUNE 10-12	NE-2A CONCLAVE	(Forestburg Scout Reservation.)
JULY 21	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
July 25 - August 3	NATIONAL JAMBOREE	(Fort A.P. Hill)
AUGUST 19-21	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
SEPTEMBER 9-10	NLS and NLATS Tentative Dates	(CAMP ALPINE)
SEPTEMBER 16-17	Lodge & Chapter Officer Training	(OCKANICKON)

NOTES:

Dates for Lodge Executive Board meeting are subject to change.

Chapter Meetings are scheduled to be held on the same night as District Roundtables.

** Dates for Section Meetings along with time and places are tentative.

All meetings of the Lodge Executive Board are free and open to all lodge members. If you have an issue you'd like to see discuss or would like to learn more about opportunities for lodge leadership, feel free to come. If you wish to have an item discussed by the board, please contact the lodge chief or advisor ahead of time so your idea or concern is added to the agenda and is given proper consideration.

Burning Issues

We all agree in the basic Order ideals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service but how do we properly enact them? In this piece the following topic is discussed:

What role does Quality Lodge play in lodge program and goal setting?

Kyle Harris is our Lodge Vigil Chairman and currently attends Pennsylvania State University.

Kyle will be arguing in favor of using Quality Lodge as a goal in and of itself.

Dave Friel is our Immediate Past Lodge Chief and currently attends St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Dave will be arguing in favor of using Quality as a benchmark of excellence.

The Quality Lodge program attempts to generate a successful program within a lodge and is awarded to the lodge that meets a certain set of national requirements. In reflecting on the past few years of activity within the lodge, most of which has been motivated by our goal of Quality Lodge, it is possible to question the ethics of our motives. There is, however, a definite positive in reaching for Quality Lodge as opposed to having it fall into our lap due to good programming.

I doubt that national wants less than 100% of OA Lodges to be Quality Lodges. To this end, Quality Lodge should be seen as the benchmark and standard by which lodges should operate. The lodge leadership should look to Quality Lodge as the bare *minimum* by which to operate. In achieving Quality Lodge, we put ourselves in the national status quo.

Quality Lodge also garners good favor within our council. The synergy between council and lodge is the very heart of the Order's program. In actively pursuing Quality Lodge we give Unit Leaders around the council proof that we are trying to provide their best scouts with a quality program that will ultimately give back to the unit. Activity within our lodge is an investment of both time and effort and it is our job to ensure that that investment gains a significant return for both the scout and the troop he comes from.

In our initiative to improve programming within chapters it is imperative that we have consensus at the very top of Ajapeu's leadership. Attaining Quality Lodge is an indication of an Executive Board that is concerned with the quality of the members of the lodge, and therefore concerned with always improving. The tenets of Quality Lodge give us the means to improve – higher attendance and more active Brotherhood members.

Ajapeu Lodge has made leaps and bounds in the past few years. It is through the active pursuit of Quality Lodge that we were able to achieve these lofty goals. Continued pursuit of Quality Lodge will allow us to further improve our program and attendance. It should therefore be the goal of every Executive Board in years hence to set Quality Lodge as the basis for the program year.

The achievement of National Quality Lodge status must be a benchmark of excellence, not an end in itself. The completion of its requirements should be the by-product of a quality program, not vice versa.

The requirements set forth in the Quality Lodge program are gauges of lodge stability, ingenuity, and vision. The uniqueness of every lodge—a result of nationwide diversity—necessitates that each lodge create a plan of purpose according to the needs and resources of its local Scouting community and council. To attempt to codify into one set of directives the path which every lodge should follow is to tell an actor how to use inflection in his lines: over-direction.

Additionally, if earning the award is a stand-alone achievement, rather than part of a "higher vision," then it is not worth pursuing. It seems inconsistent with the four purposes of the Order of the Arrow to endorse and participate in a program established solely for the purpose of rewarding strong lodges; for this reason, it seems evident that the Quality Lodge standard is not meant merely as an award to be sought out, but rather as an assurance to deserving lodges that they are, indeed, catching the right vision.

For Arrowmen in strong and weak lodges alike, it is a worthwhile practice to evaluate our lodges' performance periodically, but we must take care, also, not to allow general standards to either naturally or forcibly limit our vision. Big dreams can be crushed by standards that are too simple. Even the requirements for Quality Lodge status, lofty as they may be, can hamper the dream-driven designer of a new lodge idea by causing him to settle for something less than he envisions. At no time is such a loss of vision desirable.

The role of the Quality Lodge seal on a lodge charter certificate is not so much to say something about the lodge as it is to guide the lodge better along its vision, enliven its ingenuity, and encourage its stability. To earn it is certainly an achievement—one worthy of great celebration throughout the council—but the glamour and glory of it must not overshadow the challenges its tests pose.

NOTICE: If you have any pieces of ceremonial equipment from the lodge ceremonial team, please bring these pieces to the Fall Work Weekend. Missing equipment winds up wasting the lodge money as we replace pieces we already have or alternatively inhibit our ability to perform ceremonies as one is forced to come up with some rather interesting tribal amalgams to have enough wardrobe to cover everyone.

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Buck Notes

Trail Crew/Northern Tier

If the posh accommodations of NOAC are too , Philmont Trail Crew and the Northern Tier Wilderness voyage may be your answer. After a week of service your work crew then gets a weeklong trek of your choosing at the High Adventure base you served. All of this and a kickin' patch for only $100 plus transportation. You can get more information at the Nation OA website, www.oa-bsa.org.

!!New Officers!!

A congratulations to our 2004-2005 Ajapeu #33 Lodge Officers.

Lodge Chief-Dan Gross
1st Vice Chief-Andy Cistone
2nd Vice Chief-Bruce Trinko
Secretary– Jeff Smith
Treasurer-Jeff Lindenmuth

Summer Camp Program

This year, each and every chapter will be providing program for at least one of the Thursday night OA Socials at OSR. If you're attending camp this year and would like to help, or want to help anyway, (heck, it's an excuse to go to camp) contact your respective chapter chief or advisor and throw in your two cents.

New Patches

The new regular edition lodge flap is now available at both Ockanickon Scout Reservation and the Council Service center in Doylestown. They look just swell and are going for the same low price of $3.

The 2004 Council Camporee patch is also available while supplies last.

In Other News

Lodge Outsources Vigil Naming To Pentagon

Vigil names are a tradition in the Order of the Arrow. These names usually reflect a persons character (Chris Lutz: Strong Willed), a legacy they've enacted (Galen Fitzpatrick: First Drum-Beater Chief) or some double meaning (Leon Duminiak: Iron Horse). But in recent years, they've fallen off. Recent Vigil Honor member, Joseph Baloke got "Guy who does stuff" and Warren Lowell is "Person who rocks at tiddlywinks". To bring back the edge to the Vigil Honor honorific, Ajapeu Lodge has enlisted the help of the Pentagon documentation and indexing department. In accordance, the following Vigil names have been changed:

Mike Wilsey: Laughing Rock *Bill Mischke: Silent Thunder*

"They make less sense, but they're definitely a lot cooler" says new member, Kevin "Beef" Main. If all goes well, the Pentagon will also rename the ceremonial parts:

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony-Operation: Litmus Test
Ordeal Ceremony-Operation: Widen the Circle
Brotherhood Ceremony-Operation: Raise the Stakes
Vigil Ceremony-Operation: Formaldehyde

Special Agent Stephanopoulos believes that if all goes well, the ceremonial parts may also get revised. "Honestly, what would you rather be called; Allowat Sakima or Big Papa?"

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Brothers, the Fall Ordeal Weekend will soon be here. This is a time to help get Camp Ockanickon ready for the busy winter camping season that is fast approaching. This is also the time we will be inducting new members into our Lodge and also providing eligible Ordeal members the opportunity to seek their Brotherhood. Please use the enclosed registration form if you plan to attend this Ordeal Weekend. We have listed the potential work projects that will need to be done, and you will be asked to help out on these various projects. The dates for the Fall Ordeal Weekend are August 27-29, 2004. You should plan to arrive at Camp Ockanickon between 6:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. on Friday night, and plan on staying till the close of the Lodge Meeting on Sunday morning. The meeting is usually over between 11:00 and 11:30 You will need to be sleeping in an area that does have an adult present, and as we are the National Honor Society of Scouting you will be expected to have your campsite / sleeping quarters cleaned up before you leave camp on Sunday.

Items you need to bring to camp with you.

You should plan on having any gear that you would normally take with you on a weekend camping trip. This should also include:

Field Uniform (Former term was Class A Uniform)
Any medication you will need during the weekend
Money for Trading Post (Optional)
Small Notepad and Pen / Pencil (For Meetings Sunday morning)
Personal Hygiene Items
Work Gloves
Hammer with your name on it.
Your Patches
Any protective gear you may have that would be used during work projects listed below.

Please note gloves and hammers.

We have a lot of work that will require those items and the camp does not have enough to supply all the works crews with those items.

Potential Weekend Work Projects

Take down tents
Campsite Clean-up
Plumbing
General Building Clean-up
Painting
Roofing
Pool Area Projects
General Shower Area Clean-up
General Carpentry
Trash Pick-up
Wood Cutting Detail (Must be 21 or older and wearing protective gear to use Chain Saws)
Lawn Maintenance (Must be 21 or older and wearing protective gear to use Weed Wacker)
Misc. other projects not listed

Check the Lodge Webpage for project listings as the weekend approaches.

SPECIAL NOTE

WE ALSO MAY WANT TO SEND SOME MEMBERS TO CAMP KIRBY FOR WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE THERE. IF ANY CREWS ARE SENT TO CAMP KIRBY, THE DRIVERS WILL BE OVER 21 AND WILL NEED TO MEET AND FOLLOW ALL THE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AS LISTED IN THE *BSA GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING*. ON THE PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION PART OF THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION, PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR SON TO BE PART OF AN ADULT-SUPERVISED CAMP KIRBY WORK CREW.

Please return the registration form and a check for $20 to the Council Office by **August 17, 2004**

Note: The Lodge Exec. Board has approved an additional $5 late fee for any registrations received after August 17. On Friday evening of the Fall Weekend we will again be having our Mini Patch Sale and Trading session in Foster Hall. Contact Mike Wilsey, Lodge Adviser, at 215-453-8729 or at mmwilsey@verizon.net if you are interested in having a table available to sell some of your items. Table space, at $5 per table, is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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O.A. FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND
MEMBERS REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form and a check for $20 to the Council Office by August 17, 2004

THE COST FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 17 IS $25

Please plan on paying Dues at the weekend only. That way you can get your card when you pay.

Do not include dues with registration.

Mail To: Bucks County Council, B.S.A.
One Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901

Make check payable to:
Bucks County Council, B.S.A

Name: _____ Youth:_____ Adult:_____

Phone Number:_____ Troop: _____ District:_____

Any Food Allergies:_____

Any Medical Conditions:_____

Any Medicine you will have at Weekend:_____

Any Physical Limitations:_____

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I will be a work crew Chief:_____ (Must be 21 or older)

I will plan on working on the following crew:_____

(Required for ALL youth under the age of 18)

My signature indicates that I have read and understand the letter that was included with this registration form and I hereby give permission for my child for full participation in the BSA approved program scheduled for this weekend. Any limitations to activities have been noted above.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I can not be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medications for my child.

_____My child has permission to be part of an adult supervised Camp Kirby Work Crew.

_____My child does not have permission to be part of an adult supervised Camp Kirby Work Crew.

Signature of parent or guardian:_____

Date:_____ OFFICE MEMO: For Account #800

Contact your respective Chapter Adviser for questions or concerns.

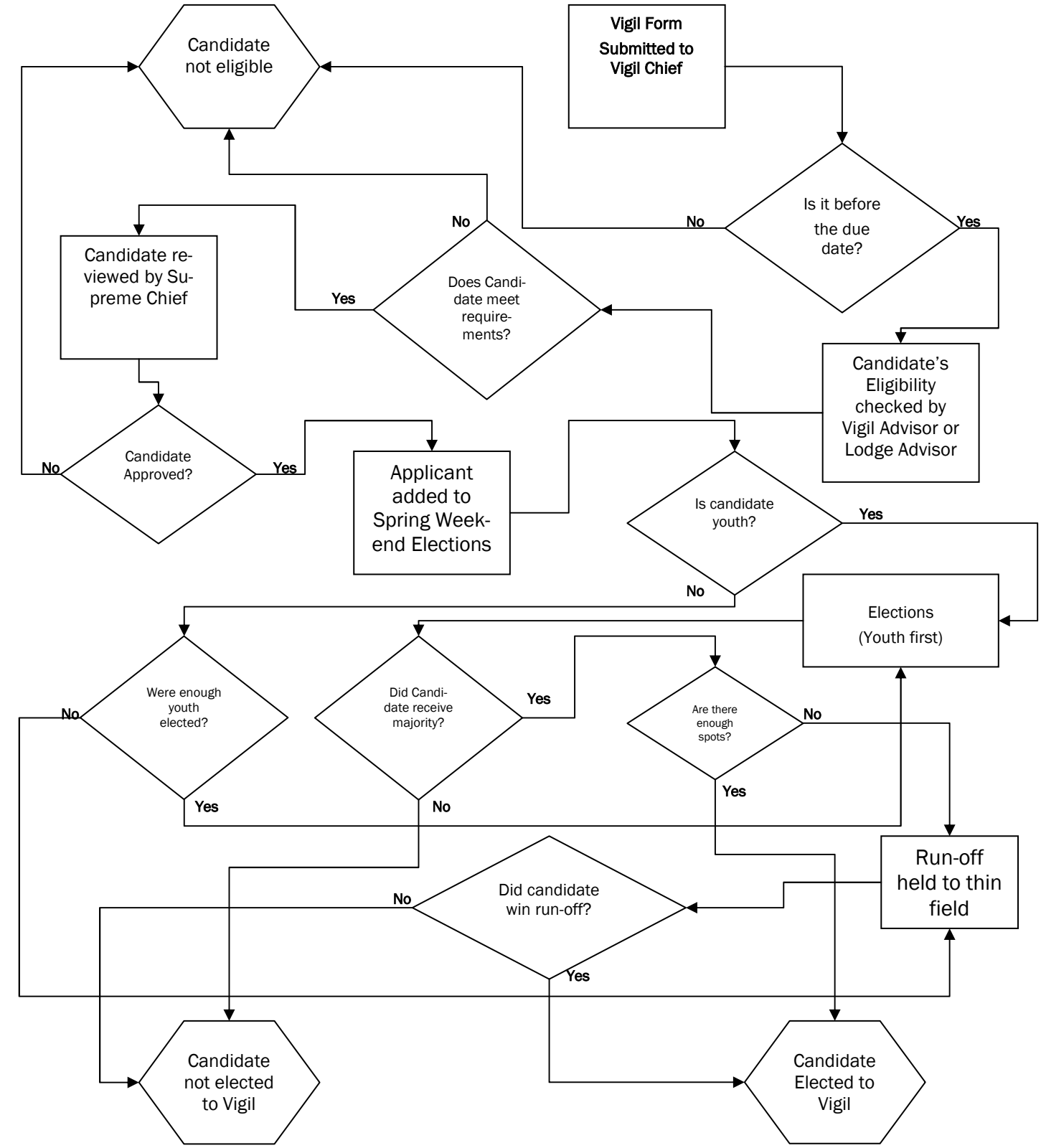
Chapter Advisers (Adult OA Members)		Phone #s
Lenape Chapter Adviser	Al Folsom	215-343-6851
Pennsbury Chapter Adviser	Carl Trinko	215-785-1220
Playwicki Chapter Adviser	Chris Fosmire	215-504-0927
Tohpendel Chapter Adviser	Fred Ritter, Jr.	610-749-2044

Ajapeu Lodge #33: Vigil Update

No one said that getting Vigil was easy. But this doesn't mean the selection process has to be difficult. In an effort to make the Vigil Election Process more transparent, the following flow chart was created to walk one step –by-step through the selection process.

Notes: Adult Vigils may not be elected without at least one your elected.

Vigil Committee consists of the current Vigil Chairman and an ineligible youth (someone with Vigil, an Ordeal member, or a Brotherhood member that has been in the order less than two years) from each chapter.



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CAN YOU FIND THESE LENNI LENAPE WORDS?
LOOK FOR WORDS FORWARDS, BACKWARDS AND DIAGONALLY.
Try to find their meaning afterwards. All words are from the latest edition of the OA Handbook.
Good Luck!

ACHGIGUWEN	AMOE	KICHKINET	MOS	SAKIMA	WINGOLAUCHSIK
ACHPAMSIN	ANDHANNI	KSCHIKAN	NAMES	SIPO	WITAHEMUI
ACHTU	ANICUS	LEKE	NENDAWEN	SISILIJA	WITATSCHIMOISIN
AJAPEU	ELANGOMAT	LIPPOE	NETAMI	TAKACHSIN	WITSCHINDIN
ALLUM	ELIKUS	MACHQUE	NIMAT	TSCHIMAIUS	
ALLUNS	GAWI	MBI	NUTIKET	WACHTSCHU	
AMEMI	GLISTAM	MECHMAUWIKENK	POHONASIN	WDEE	
AMOCHOLES	GOKHOS	METEU	SACHGACHTOON	WIMACHTENDIENK	

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Burning Question

Q: How many people that at some time served as lodge chief are on OSR camp staff?

A: 3: Chris Lutz, Dave Friel and Terry Robinson

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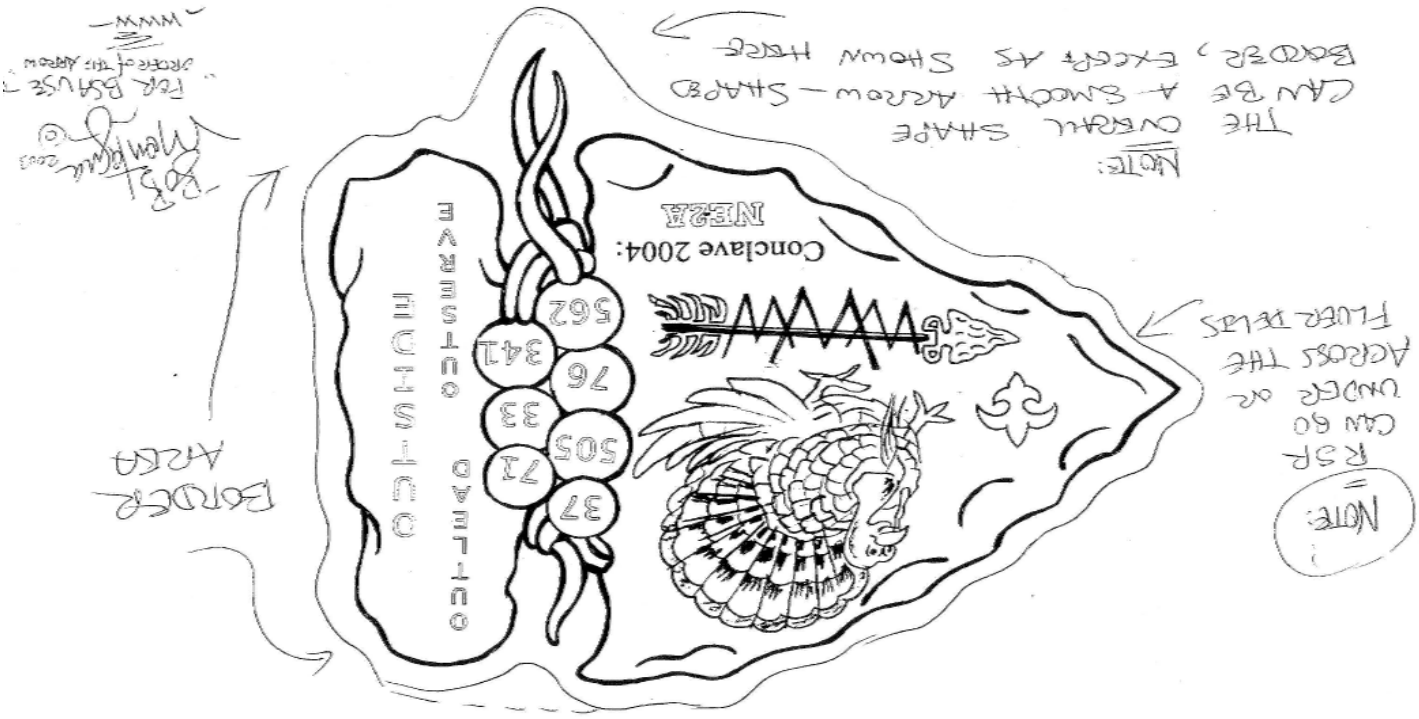

* The letter after your name on the address label indicates if you are (O)rdeal, (B)rotherhood, or (V)igil, and the year indicates the year that your dues are paid through. Contact Mike Wilsey, the Lodge Advisor, if any corrections need to be made. Home phone: 215-453-8729 and e-mail MWilsey@WilseyTool.com