The Buck Tail

Bucks County Council
Ajapeu Lodge 33

End of Year 2012

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Lodge Chief's Minute—Raymond P.

Dear Brothers,

Congratulations on closing out 2012 and being a Gold Lodge! I'd like to thank all of our Arrowmen for an excellent year. This year was full of highlights for Ajapeu. We held three Ordeal Weekends and joined our Brothers from our Section in the Section Conclave. Also, over the summer, a group of 12 Brothers represented our lodge at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference. I'm extremely grateful to them for their dedication to our lodge. Remember, united, we can leave our legacy. What will it be? That is for you to decide.

I can't wait to see how 2013 plays out, and we've got an exciting year planned, with Conclave being held at Ockanickon and so many other great opportunities. Until then, though, have a safe and happy holiday!

In service,

Raymond P.

Adviser's Minute—Mike Shavel

Congratulations on being a Gold Lodge. Now, when people think of the gold standard for lodges, I'm pleased to tell you that Ajapeu is one of them! I'd like to take this opportunity to say a quick thank you to our Lodge Executive Committee for their tireless dedication to this lodge. They steered us to a successful conclusion to 2012, but we have to look ahead. 2013 is already filled with exciting leadership opportunities both in your Chapters and on Lodge Committees. Contact your Chapter Chief or Lodge Officers to see where you can help serve the Order of the Arrow.

This is going to be an exciting year for Ajapeu. We have our banquet around the corner, we have the traditional Ordeal Weekends, but this is the year for Ajapeu to think BIG. And by big, we of course mean the 2013 NE-5B Conclave we'll be hosting on June 7-9, 2013 at Ockanickon. The theme is "Honey, We Shrunk the Lodge," which of course means we have to think BIG for this Conclave.

Brothers, allow me to remind you of the words of the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony: "The ones who chose you need you. Who among you now is ready?" With Conclave well underway, it is time for you and your commitment to the lodge to go one step further. We'll need many people on staff to get our Conclave in tip-top shape so we can impress the Section. But in order to do that, we'll need you. Please consider serving on staff. Our lodge really needs you.

Take the time to examine your commitment to the Order and its principles. Are you still dedicated to it in the same way you once were? Take advantage of the programs; use them to help you recharge your batteries and renew your commitment to the Order of the Arrow and to the idea of servant leadership. What you gain will far surpass what you give.

2013 Calendar of Events

JANUARY 15	**Founder's Award Nominations Due**	**(Online / Council Office)**
JANUARY 31	LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
FEBRUARY 28	LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 9	LODGE FAMILY BANQUET 6 P.M.	(FOSTER DINING HALL)
MARCH (TBD)	CAMP SCHOOL PREP WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)
MARCH 15-17	NLS and NLATS	(Camp Alpine)
MARCH 28	LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
APRIL 15	**Deadline for Vigil Nominations**	**(Online / Council Office)**
APRIL 19-21	APRIL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
APRIL 25	LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MAY 17-19	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
JUNE 7-9	NE-5B CONCLAVE	(CITTA, Japeechen Lodge)
JUNE 27	LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
JULY 25	LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
AUGUST 16-18	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)

Chapter Meetings are held at the same time and place as District Roundtables

Bucknotes

Conclave Chairman

Preparations for the 2013 Conclave on **June 7-9, 2013** are well underway. We settled on the theme of "Honey, We Shrunk the Lodge," with a sub-theme of "Think BIG." We're going to put on a fantastic Conclave, but in order to do so, we need you to serve on Conclave staff. We have had many people express an interest in staff, but we need more people to commit. The lodge has to put on an excellent Conclave for the Section, and we want to make this one they'll never forget. If you haven't been to a Conclave or served on its staff, this is a fantastic opportunity to experience it. Trust me, our Conclave is one you won't want to miss. Stop by a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting if you're interested in helping out.

2013 Troop Elections

Unit elections are due by the 28 Feb 13 Lodge Executive Board Meeting. If your unit has not scheduled an election yet, contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser to schedule one (contact information available on last page). Adult nominations rules are available online at **www.ajapeu33.org**.

Journey to Excellence

In case you couldn't hear the cheering from Doylestown, Ajapeu Lodge #33 is a Gold Lodge for the Order of the Arrow's new Journey to Excellence program. W00t!

Communications Chairman

Communications for the lodge are going well. We began last month issuing the Buck Tail on a monthly basis via email – if you haven't received it, contact me at jdonahue@sju.edu and we'll work things out. When we were at NOAC, we started our lodge Facebook and Twitter pages, so if you use those sites, be sure to keep up with us! In the future, we'll be working hard to keep you informed of our goings-on. Looking forward to 2013! We're going to have a great year!

Award Nominations

Three awards that Ajapeu accepts nominations for are the Founder's Award, the Youth/Adult of the Year Award, and the Vigil Honor. The Founder's Award and the Youth/Adult of the Year Award are given at the Annual Lodge Banquet in March and the Vigil Honor recipients are selected at the April Ordeal Weekend and complete the ceremony in May. Nomination forms for all three of these awards can be found on our website, **www.ajapeu33.org**, or can be mailed to the Council Office (please clearly mark the award's name on the envelope). Monitor your deadlines, as late forms cannot be accepted for any reason.

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Ceremonial Team

The Ceremonial Team hosted its second-ever Ceremonial Team Retreat in 2012, and we got some serious work done that needed to get done. We had the opportunity to put on the Ordeal Ceremonies at each of the Ordeals and the Vigil Ceremony at the May and August Weekends. We also put on a Brotherhood Ceremony at each of our Ordeal Weekends, and we also put one on for the Lodge Fall Fellowship Weekend. I wanted to express my thanks to everyone that helped out on the team. Whether you were a torchbearer, principal, or just helped behind the scenes, your work was appreciated.

If you want to be a part of this amazing group of people, do not hesitate to contact Reilly Thompson, Ceremonial Team Adviser, at **rthompson5@gmail.com**. We could use all the help we can get. Thanks everyone!

Elangomat Team

"Elangomat" means "Friend," and that is what the Elangomat team tries to be to the candidates. The Elangomat team works with the candidates, and is often the first face that an OA Candidate sees when they arrive. We labor with them, and assist with the projects that they are asked to complete. This year, we had strong representation at our Ordeal weekends, which is a great thing for the candidates, and it shows that we're playing a crucial role in membership retention. The team is composed of a great group of people that I could not be more proud of. Thank you everyone for your fantastic work!

If you're interested in joining up with this amazing group of people, all you have to do is mention it on your registration form for an Ordeal Weekend. We'd be happy to have you.

Below is the 2012 Ajapeu Lodge History Cryptogram. A cryptogram is a type of puzzle that features a short piece of encrypted text. To solve the puzzle, the answer of which relates to basic lodge history, simply recover the original letters in the message and fill in the blanks. This particular cryptogram was created by Puzzlemaker at DiscoveryEducation.com.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

H O H B Q V K U M G Q P H W Y U L R X - R J U

L Q C F B F Q E R W U Y R P Q Y U V E M Q L W

H J H L W

* 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 as of December 2, 2012. Contact Chris Fosmire, the Lodge Associate Adviser-Administration, if you have a correction: **chris.fosmire@verizon.net**

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