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Our Next Century

It is with great enthusiasm that we join with you in celebration of Scouting's Centennial year! We in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council are very privileged to be leading the Scouting program into the next century.

You are uniquely positioned to play a significant leadership role in continuing the promise of visionaries like Lord Baden-Powell, William Boyce and Dan Beard. Since 1915 with the charter of the Wilkes-Barre Council and 1916 with the charter of the Scranton Council, the Council we know today has evolved continuously. These evolutions lead to the merging of the Forest Lakes and Penn Mountains Councils in 1991 to form the Northeastern PA Council. In fact, there were ten iterations of various Councils,

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Continuing Your Commitment

This past summer I had the privilege of being Summer Chief and one of my duties was to hold a rededication ceremony every week. While I know that not everyone was able to attend, I do think that it is important that every goes through a small personal ceremony and examen what we are doing and what why are we doing it. Giving the ceremony many times, I was able to look back at my own commitment to the Order of the Arrow and why I am doing it. Now that I have turned eighteen and have gone on to college, I understand that my achievements and memories from both scouting and the OA are some of the most chariest memories I have of my life back in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I personally did not get fully involve with the OA until my senior year in high school and I greatly regret that I did not get involved earlier. This past year of being the Elangomat Chairman has been exciting and a journey. Before being asked to be the chairman, I would have never wanted to be an Elangomat. But after going through only two ordeals, I cannot imagine being on an ordeal and not being an Elangomat. So, I am asking all of the new members of our order to not make the same mistake I did. I beg you to get involved. You will have the time of your life and meet great people along the way. May you all continue your service to all people.

Written By: Pat Fricchione, Elangomat Committee Chairman

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Brothers,

What an honor it has been serving you for the last 3 years as Lodge Chief. It has been a remarkable journey for me and I hope I was able to do the best I can for you. The year is almost to a close and we still have the little bit to do. The Holiday banquet will be here before you know it and lots of fun will be there to be had.

Let us finish out the year nice and strong working together as a brotherhood of Cheerfulness and service. This centennial year of Scouting has been great not just in Boy Scouts, but the OA as well. Even as the year comes to a close the next year will be there for us to make our impression on. 2011, here we come!

Written By: Nick Murley, Lodge Chief

We are in a very challenging time in Lowwapaneu Lodge. How do we get ourselves back on track and keep our eyes on the prize? How do we get back to work and not always take the easy route?

We are entering the time of year where the youth of our Lodge will be choosing officers for the upcoming year. Some are scurrying around planning the Holiday Banquet and planning a new officer's training class and the Lodge Leadership Development Seminar scheduled for January.

We hope to see you at one of these upcoming events. Remember " let us catch the higher vision, let us find the greater beauty in the life of cheerful service".

Written By: Mr. John Croom Jr., Lodge Advisor

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2010 Lodge Officers

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Vice-Chief -Admin
Lodge Secretary
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Looking for Lodge Officers

On November 24th, there will be a general Lodge meeting at the Council Office. During this meeting, YOU the YOUTH members of the Lodge will cast your vote for the next group of Lowwapaneu Lodge officers.

If you intend to run for office, you must submit your letter of intent by November 17th to Mr. Croom. The letter must be in the format found on the lodge website. The website is <http://www.lowwapaneu.org>.

It is your turn to be proactive and elect the next chief, vice chief, and secretary- treasurer. Remember "Through inspiration, Lead them."

This will be the last General Meeting of the year and should be a good one to attend with the other youth of our organization.

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2010 Executive Committee Lodge Committees

Activities

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Chairman	TJ Katz	cheezpet@hotmail.com
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Help Wanted

If you are interested in a committee please email the chairman and advisor. All committees are looking for new members. Joining a committee is a great way to get more involved with the Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.

Unit Elections Training to be Held

Brothers, the end of the year has come, and with it comes the chance to become a fully trained member of the lodge's Unit Elections team! Come join us on Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 at the SSTC in Moosic for this fun and educational training session, then sign up with me to be one of those Arrowmen who help our fellow Scouts take their first step in joining our Brotherhood on the night of their election.

*Written By: Jake Martin,
Unit Elections Committee Chairman*



Lowwapaneu Lodge Host 2010 NE-5B Section Conclave





Now Accepting Nominations

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The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon a member. It dates back to 1915 when our Founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor Member. It is a mark of high distinction and is 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 one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. The Vigil Honor is a recognition of one's commitment to altruistic leadership and proper example of Brotherhood in Cheerful Service. Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regu-

larly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the national Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has meet all of the criteria bellow, been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

In order to be nominated the individual must:

1. Be Brotherhood member for at least two years.
2. Be registered in Northeastern Pennsylvania Council
3. Be a member in good standing of Lowwapaneu Lodge.

Nominations for the Vigil Honor ought to be taken seriously. Please provide as much information about the nominee as

possible. In this way the Vigil Honor Selection Committee can make a fair assessment of the contributions of the nominee to Scouting and the Lodge.

In order for a nomination to be accepted, it must be submitted on an official and current Vigil Honor Nomination form. Any additional information can be attached to the nomination form.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS DECEMBER 1st. All nominations must be received at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Scout Service and Training Center no later then the close of the business day.

Completed nomination forms may be turned in or mailed to:

**Lowwapaneu Lodge
c/o NEPA Council
ATTN: Dave Srebro
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507**

Join Us In Our Next Performance

Do you like performing in front of a crowd? Are you looking for a fun way to get active in our lodge? Do want to make a profound impact on your fellow Arrowmen? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Ceremonies Committee is for you! As a Ceremonialist, your fellow Arrowmen will see YOU. You will be representing your lodge to bring in the new

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NAA Committee Cannot Function Without YOU

Brothers, we need your help. We need you to come help us at the Harvest Fest running our Native American Village. We need YOU to come to the meetings and get involved. Without you this committee can do nothing! We are entering the busiest time of the year for our committee, so if you are interested in having fun, going to different events, and getting some free food, then come on out to our meetings on the second Wednesday of the months. The meeting is at 7pm at the Scout House in Moosic. Hope to see you there!



Written By: Ray Posluszny, Native American Activities Chairman

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Who Deserves the Highly Respected Founder's Award?

With the death of the Order of the Arrow's Founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson. The reverse of the medallion is inscribed with the words, which immortalize the meaning of the award, "For he who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest!" Accompanying the medallion is an engraved certificate with appropriate national and local signatures. The award recognition piece for the Arrowman's uniform is an arrow ribbon, similar to the universal arrow ribbon, except that it has a gold-colored arrow suspended from a solid red ribbon. Local Lodges may petition the National Committee to present one Founder's Award annually for every 500 lodge members or portion thereof. Since its inception in 1981, only 25 Low-wapaneu brothers have received this award:

- Bill Botke
- Greg Morcom
- Bill McAulifee
- Dave Srebro
- Eric Chase
- John Croom III
- John Croom Jr.
- Dan Nestorick
- Matt Beckage
- Dave Nguyen
- Aaron Dombroski
- Greg Russick
- Bob Gibbons
- AJ Gaudenzi
- Jack Spitzer
- John Gaudenzi
- Joshua Tucky
- Tino Penzone
- Michael Minello
- Nick Murley
- Tom Owens
- Ryan Johnson

Nominations should be taken seriously and as much information about the nominee as possible should be submitted to the Lodge Committee.



- Dave Mitchell
- Josh Thomas
- Jeremy Kobeski

Performance *(Continued from Previous Page)*
 members of our Order. You will be able to make the new members' Ordeal ceremony as meaningful to them as it was to you. Maybe performing is not for you- that's ok! You can still help! We are always looking for stagehands and site cleanup. The team is already getting prepared for the Goose Pond Ordeal next spring! Join Ceremonies by contacting me at j_l_hughes@comcast.net!

*Written By: Jordan Hughes,
 Ceremonies Committee Chairman*

Interested in Culinary Arts?



Food committee is looking for new and old members. If you are interested in learning basic culinary arts and how to run a dinning hall come join us for fun filled weekends at camp. Find out how to earn the highly coveted "Black Hat and Apron". Contact Tino Penzone at 282-4891 or email tpeagle@echoes.net.

Written By: Tino Penzone, Food Committee Advisor





What are You Doing Next Summer?

Are you looking for a week of fun? Are you looking for a week in North Carolina? Well now is your opportunity. Indian Summer is a National event that is held from August 1-6, 2011, near Asheville, North Carolina. This event will include many fun, educational, and exciting new opportunities. There are only 8 spots. So sign up now! If you sign up and all the spots are

filled, you will be put on the waiting list. If you are going you will need to have your deposit of \$100 dollars in by February 1, 2011. The final cost should be about \$400 depending on travel arrangements. Sign-up soon! If you have any questions please contact Mr. Morcom or me.

*Written By: Ray Posluszny,
Native American Activities Chairman*

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with such names as Dalton, Dan Beard, Mid Valley, and Wyoming before the 1991 merger occurred. More recently, in 2006, the Mountain Laurel and Mountain Trailblazer Districts were merged to form the Two Mountains District. This was a successful endeavor as it enhanced Unit Leader, Commissioner, and District Committee participation while significantly increasing program, membership and financial support activities. At the present, the process of merging of the Iron Horse and Dan Beard Districts is underway. We believe that this merger will strengthen the overall quality of the Scouting experience for our youth and adults alike. Your continued support to ensure a smooth merging of the Iron Horse and Dan Beard Districts into one will likewise result in the same overall beneficial outcomes as witnessed in the Two Mountains District.

“Doing your best” to support the Council to include the merger process is the key to a successful future in delivering value.”

The delivery of an organizational structure for expanded cohesion, training, enriched experiences, and to take the Council to the next level of success are foremost objectives and will be attained by:

- Improving processes and systems internally
- Increasing turnout at events
- Ensuring adequate and dependable financial support
- Enhancing our credibility with all stakeholders
- Creating a sustainable and functional organizational structure

How will this happen?

By enacting a comprehensive organizational restructuring, recruiting more Commissioners, District Committee, Advisory Board and Executive Board members to be involved with Unit needs, building a teamwork environment that engenders a high performance culture, executing a tight tactical and strategic roll-out plan that pays attention to realistic multi-tiered timetables over a period of several months, and building a measure of flexibility into the plan so that adaptation, tweaking and feedback can be incorporated as it unfolds.

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Activities Committee Plans the Fun Stuff in the Lodge

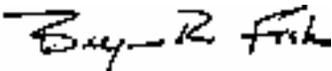
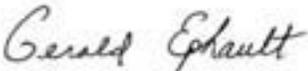
The Activities Committee is STILL looking for members to join. It is not to late. The committee does the fun stuff in the lodge like planning the Fellowship Weekend, the games at the Or-deals, the Holiday Banquet, and MUCH, MUCH more. If you are willing to join in the fun you can contact me at zdrossetti95@aol.com .

Written By: Zach Rossetti, Activities Committee Chairman

Some of the more specific goals:

- Build the "health" of our units. Based on a process started by Council Commissioner Stewart Thomas that identified units as RED, YELLOW or GREEN, we will continue the understanding of issues and identification of solutions to assist RED and Yellow units to move Green. First effort will be a sample selection of RED units.
- Expand training opportunities for leaders and those wanting to become leaders.
- Increase participant volume by making events more stimulating and enriching and by fostering more combined district programs.
- Provide funds to reinvest in our two greatest physical assets, Goose Pond Scout Reservation and Camp Acahela.
- Form a Strategic Planning Committee that will represent unit interests and concerns to the administration and review programs, budgets and bylaws for improvement.
- Increase Scouting Family and Community financial support.
- Promote volunteer participation at Executive Board meetings for transparency and accessibility reasons.
- Establish a communications system that will ensure timely updates are sent by email and posted on the website. Form a Technology Committee to ensure our information technology platform, e.g. computer systems and website, is highly functional, interactive and built to reach/respond to our every increasingly tech-savvy youth and adults.
- Secure Dan Beard's original Cabin and relocate it to Goose Pond as a facility for regular usage by campers and for historical preservation.
- Add Board membership to COPE/Climbing, Venturing Officer Association and Exploring Officer Association representatives.
- Enhance professional and clerical staff experience.

Attainment of the listed goals requires your full commitment, and serves as a call-to-action. We will not pretend that this will be easy but it is a worthwhile cause. By coming together and contributing our varied skills and strengths to improve our Unit, District and Council we will be successful.

Bryan Fisk **Gerald Ephault** **Thomas Slavicek**
 Council President Executive Vice-President Scout Executive

Your Ideas Needed to Jumpstart Camping Committee

Do you like to hike or joining the Camping Committee. Bring your ideas; I am here to listen and use your ideas to jumpstart this "Camping Committee," we are not going to be going camping, only during Ordeal and other OA functional weekends, but instead we are going to help promote camping within the council. Some members that are reading this article may remember signing up for Camping Committee during their Ordeal week-end: don't fret, I have not forgotten about you. I'll be in touch to let you know when there will be a meeting at the Scout Service and Trading Center. Do not be afraid to email me at mshostek@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the committee or if you have any suggestions.

Soon, hopefully by the end of October, there will be a meeting for anyone interesting in

Written By: Michael Shostek, Camping Committee Chairman





Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is Back in Business

After a year without an Order of the Arrow high adventure program, the Florida Sea Base will be offering an Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program to service-oriented Arrowmen in the summer of 2011. The new Ocean Adventure has been revamped and will provide a significantly different experience to participants. The new OAOA will introduce Scouts to an environment found only in the magical world of the Florida Keys. Working among tropical islands, coral reefs, and majestic shores Arrowmen will grow and learn together with Scouts from around the nation, working as one in cheerful service.

After arriving at the Sea Base's Brinton Environmental

Center on Summerland Key, all the more about themselves, adventurers will embark on a trip marked with various service experiences around the Keys area. Mobilized by boat, sea kayak, and war canoe, OAOA work crews will provide service and conservation work to a number of different environments, working on trails, islands and fragile habitats for tropical fauna and flora. After 5 days of island hopping and cheerful service, Arrowmen will grab their sea legs and depart on a 5 day cruise of the world's largest wilderness- the deep blue sea. With the help of an OA staff member and a boat captain, Scouts will navigate the Gulf of Mexico in a sailing yacht, developing team skills and leadership while learning

all the more about themselves, their crew and life at sea aboard a sailing vessel (e.g., fishing, snorkeling, swimming, celestial navigation). The world's oceans remain its largest mystery. Your ocean adventure will lead you to new discoveries about yourself and the world you live in.

A ten day adventure in the Florida Keys awaits you. Discover what servant leadership means to you. All Arrowmen who will be at least 16 and under 21 next summer are invited to apply. Applications are available online at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>. Spots are limited in this inaugural year, so don't wait to apply. The 10-day program costs \$400.



SummitCorps

The New River Experience

is a service adventure from the Order of the Arrow, similar to ArrowCorps5 and the OA High Adventure Programs. Lowwapaneu Lodge will be sending a contingent to SummitCorps during the

week of July 10-16, 2011. SummitCorps will provide exciting opportunities for service, adventure, and recreation. It will be held at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

The site of the SummitCorps is a part of the National Park system, maintained by the US Department of the Interior and the National Park Service. The main focus of SummitCorps will be improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species. The service area will provide a link between the New River and the Summit, the location of the BSA's new Jamboree site and future high adventure base.

Lowwapaneu has been guaranteed a minimum of 8 participants, with a potential maximum of 23. The estimated cost will be around \$300 and will include transportation. All applicants wishing to attend must send in a completed registration form and a \$100 deposit. The total number of participants is controlled by National, so we will fill the allocated slots as they become available. All remaining applicants after the first 8 guaranteed slots will remain on the waiting list. The \$100 deposit will be refunded if an applicant is not selected to participate.

All participants will be required to meet the BSA High Adventure Height and Weight Requirements. Please contact Branden Bender at bendereagle1216@aol.com or Chris Bender at cbsysco@msn.com for any questions or to get a registration form. A \$100 deposit is due to the Service Center by November 15, 2010 to reserve your spot.

Great Expectations - Leadership Training for Youth Leaders

November 13, 2010, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

King's College, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, Wilkes Barre

You are invited to attend a special one day training course designed here in Northeastern Pennsylvania for Boy Scout Youth Leaders. The course is designed to provide scouts with a more in-depth training experience than their troop training by providing supplemental leadership skill sessions.

All Scouts who currently or will hold a leadership position in their troop are strongly encouraged to attend.

One major advantage to this course is that you will meet both youth and adult leaders from other troops in the council, and will be able to share valuable ideas and insights as well as build Scouting friendships. The course trainers will be both youth and adults from through out the council.

A specialized session for Scouters on Troop and Council sponsored youth leadership training will also be offered. Scouters are encouraged to attend this course to gain insight into providing troop leadership training.

The cost of this one day event is \$25.00 (\$30.00 after November 5, 2010) per person which includes lunch, training materials, and a participant patch. Scouts may register individually or with their troops to attend this event. All are welcome, both youth and Adult leaders may attend. For more information contact: Scoutmaster, Nick Rocco (570) 489-1267 or n.rocco107@gmail.com or print an application fromk the Council website (nepabsa.org) or get one from the Service Center or your Scoutmaster.



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Centennial Section

Order Leads Four Programs at Jamboree

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree was a major success! With strong participation and incredible enthusiasm, the Order of the Arrow had great results from the four different programs we offered.

The first area, the Mystery Compass, served approximately 25,000 Scouts. More than just a show, over 300 staff members helped stage the five different acts of the experience.

The first act taught Scouts about teamwork; in the second act scouts were challenged with different obstacles that may occur in life. The third act allowed Scouts to experience the results of being lazy, and the fourth act had Scouts run through an obstacle course to simulate the challenges of life.

The final act brought everything together. Scouts put together the different segments they had gathered throughout the experience to form the Scout fleur-de-lis. "Life gives

you many opportunities. It's the decisions you make that lead you in your life," said Patrick Rooney, director of VIP and guest relations.

PACEsetters was new to the jamboree, and a total of 960 Scouts completed the program. Scouts had to complete a study guide while visiting 12 fitness stations, four of which challenged Scouts physically. The reward for completion was a PACEsetters colored dog tag, a membership card, and their signature on the member board.

"Based upon the positive response, I could envision a program like this conducted on a local and national level in the future," said James Tarbox, associate advisers

The American Indian Village was also very popular, and many Scouts earned the Indian Lore merit badge. Different vignettes were available for Scouts to learn more about American Indian cultures. "The jamboree provided opportuni-

ties for Scouts to learn more about American Indian culture and how to respect it," said Jimmy Dickson, jamboree vice chief of the American Indian Village.

The Indian Village conducted two pow wows throughout the jamboree, and Scouts were encouraged to bring their own regalia and participate.

The Order of the Arrow service corps provided support throughout the jamboree. Composed of 161 Arrowmen from across the country, the team provided 11,196 hours of service. That is approximately 74 hours per Arrowman. "Overall, I think

the service corps did an outstanding job fulfilling the needs of the 2010 National Scout Jamboree," said Will Scott, service corps jamboree vice chief. "I'm proud to be a member of the service corps."

Be sure to check www.bsajamboree.org for pictures of the OA venues and the jamboree.

Celebrate Seton's Birth

August 14 marked the 150th anniversary of the birth of one of Scouting's founders and a principal inspiration of the Order of the Arrow—Ernest Thompson Seton.

Born in Scotland, Seton was 5 years old when he and his family traveled to rural Canada. Growing up in the wilds, he learned to camp and hunt, as well as to sketch. His careful artist's eye and habits of obser-

vation made him a keen interpreter of animal life. He studied art in New York, London, and Paris, and worked as a guide and wolf trapper in Manitoba and New Mexico.

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Lodge Dues & Activities Form

Name: _____ Youth _____
 _____ Adult _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Ordeal _____
 _____ Brotherhood _____
 _____ Vigil _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Dues: I want to pay my dues: _____ years x \$ 10.00 per year = \$ _____

Holiday Banquet: I want to for _____ people x \$ 22.00 per person = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
 Lowwapaneu Lodge 191

After completing this form please mail it to:
 Lowwapaneu Lodge 191
 c/o Northeastern PA Council
 1 Bob Mellow Drive
 Moosic, PA 18507

Celebrate Seton's Birth *(Continued from Previous Page)*

By 1900, Seton was one of the world's leading authors and illustrators, and an authority on Native Americans. When Seeking to enrich the time of teenage boys, he founded the Woodcraft Indians in 1902, and published The Birchbark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians as its guide in 1906.

That same year, while in London on a speaking tour, he met with British general R.S.S.

Baden-Powell to discuss their common interest in character-building programs for boys. Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys appeared in January 1908, it included a number of games and activities borrowed from Seton. When the BSA was founded in 1910, Seton became Chief Scout Executive, and he and Baden-Powell jointly authored the Official Handbook.

Seton's writings formed the basis for many youth activities in the early 20th century. Young Carroll Edson heard Seton speak of using the American Indian as an ideal character for training young people, and brought the idea to his new job as assistant camp director of

Philadelphia's Treasure Island Scout Camp, under the leadership of camp director Urner Goodman.

Summer camps frequently adopted ideas from the Birchbark Roll—such as inducting members into honor societies by means of tests, including spending a night alone and a day in silence, performing acts of service, eating only food given to the candidate by the initiators, and the great honor of receiving an Indian name.

Seton left the BSA in 1915 over disagreements with the National Executive Board and Chief Scout Executive James E. West, but was honored by Scouting with one of the first Silver Buffalo Awards in 1925. He died on October 23, 1946.

For more information about Seton, visit "Blue Sky! The Ernest Thompson Seton Pages" at www.etsetoninstitute.org.

Written By: Nelson R. Block,
 Author of National Bulletin



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Upcoming Events

November

- 11 - Founders Award Nominations Due to SSTC
- 13 - Great Expectations Leadership Training, Kings College
- 24 - General Lodge Meeting & Election of Officers, 7:30, SSTC

December

- 1 - Vigil Nominations Due to SSTC
- 5 - Lodge Elections Team Training, 6:30, SSTC
- 29 - Lowwapaneu Holiday Banquet, After Five, Dickson City

January

- 8 - Merit Badge College, Kings College
- 16 - Lodge Leadership Development Training, SSTC
- 26 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30, SSTC

February

- 23 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30, SSTC

For more information please visit our website at www.lowwapaneu.org!

You can also find us on:

