



SIPP-O LODGE #377

BUCKEYE COUNCIL, B.S.A.

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January, 1983

Dear O.A. Members,

I would like to share with you some of my goals as the Chief of Sipp-O Lodge for the coming year. The Lodge has made alot of positive progress in the past several years and I would like to see that progress continue.

One of the goals foremost in mind is clearing the Towpath Trail an additional two or three miles, possibly more. So many Scouts and Scouters hike the trail, it would add a little more in the discovering of it's beauty.

A job well done is the goal of our Indian Activities Committee. They have been working hard to get the ceremonies completed for the coming year.

Our December issue of the STAG looked very good and I am sure that it will continue throughout the year. Good job!

This month starts the Camp Promotions Program and Unit Elections, and it looks like we have a good group of people in charge. We hope this effort will increase the summer camp turnout so that more boys get the opportunity to experience the best Scouting has to offer. Feel free to contact your District Service Coordinator and set up your date so we can present the Camp Promotions Program and Unit Elections to your troop.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Karl Smith
Sipp-O Lodge Chief



Let's talk.

That is exactly what I want to do. With each and every Lodge member! Since I became the STAG editor and Lodge Public Relations Director, there has only been one letter in my mail box. As a person who LOVES to receive mail I am very disappointed. But I think with a little coaxing, we can over come this.

I do not care how you write to me, with markers on newspaper or crayolas on camp "newspaper," what ever you choose, just write.

The STAG has a policy to publish editorials and letters to editor. However, when people do not write them we cannot publish them. Whenever possible, editorial opinions and letters to the editor will be published with rebuttals.

All letters to the editor are of course subject to approval by the staff of the STAG and the Lodge Advisor and Professional Advisor. Opinions should be general and not a personal attack against any person or group of people. We also will not print any inside jokes.

So now you know the rules of the game, let's play ball. Send your letters to:

FRANK J. SMEKAR
1235 - 9th Street, N.E.
Canton, Ohio 44705

(216) 453-1311

P.S. Thanks

AN IMPORTANT DECISION!

All Troop Order of the Arrow Elections must be done prior to Summer Camp. Item II-C of the Sipp-O Lodge #377 Local Rules reads as follows: "All unit elections will be held between January 1 and May 15 of the Lodge calendar year, effective January 1, 1983." Absolutely NO elections will be permitted or allowed at Summer Camp.

All elections must be held under the supervision of an Order of the Arrow Election Team. An Election Team is an authorized person(s) by the Order of the Arrow to hold elections. Units can contact the District Service Coordinator for an Election Team.



NOMINATIONS DEADLINE



1983 Vigil nominations are due no later than June 15, according to the Lodge Local Rules. The nominations submitted will be discussed and input from all Vigil members will be entertained at a general Vigil meeting no later than June 30. The selection process will be completed by July 15.

The above deadlines will be met this year, according to the Vigil Chairman, DAN BERLYOUNG and advisor KEN FLANAGAN. To accomplish these tight deadlines, nomination chairmen from all six districts are sought to research potential candidates. Call or write Dan or Ken to volunteer. More details will follow in the next issue.

The Vigil Honor dates back to 1915 when Order of the Arrow founder, E. URNER GOODMAN became the first Vigil Honor Member.

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VIGIL MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

Sipp-O Lodge's Executive Committee broke new ground at the October meeting by establishing a Vigil Memorial Fund. The first \$25.00 was contributed from the Lodge operating funds and stands in the memory of ROBERT C. BAUMAN. STEVE WILDER contributed an additional \$25.00 in memory of his father, KEN WILDER.

These funds will be set aside in an interest bearing account. Guidelines for administering the account will be established by the Vigil and Finance Committees. Restrictions and uses of the fund will be decided at a later date.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THE 1983 5B CONCLAVE

The plans have been set and the Sipp-O Lodge is now taking reservations for the 1983 5B CONCLAVE to be held at Camp Stigwandish of the North-East Ohio Council in Painesville, Ohio. The weekend will run April 29, 30, and May 1st. The cost is \$16.00.

From the plans layed out at the last Section Council of Chiefs meeting, it will be a fast-moving fun weekend to attend. Each of the eight lodges attending have been assigned responsibilities to make the weekend a success.

The workshop on O.A. Unit Service will be conducted by our own Lodge, while other workshops include a "Where To Go Camping" book, adult's role in O.A., communications, officer installation, new member installation, and Council-lodge relations. If in attendance, Kirk Albrecht will present a seminar on "Lodge History." There is also a possibility of workshops on first aid injury and computers.

The afternoon is packed with numerous activities including a "Build A Raft Race" and a mud-pit tug-of-war sponsored by Sipp-O Lodge. Other activities include a cross-country canoe race, transporting of the lodge, and mud-wrestling! There will also be a Pow-Wow for both individuals and team dancers to be held during the course of the afternoon.

The evening holds in store a talent show, with an act from each lodge.

The number of reservations that can be excepted will be limited, so get yours in TODAY. Please use the enclosed card to make your reservation. More information will follow in the next STAG!



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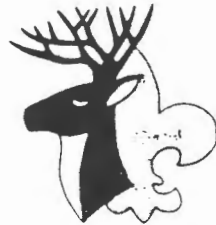
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1982 CHIEF'S REPORT

Sipp-O Lodge had a very successful year in 1982. Great participation and many positive changes contributed to the success.

The 1982 5B Conclave at Camp Tuscazoar was undoubtedly the highlight of the year's program. Many said it was the best Conclave the Section ever had. Brotherhood, learning and fun were experienced by the 240 Arrowmen from throughout northeast Ohio. THOMAS McBRIDE, National Order of the Arrow Committee Chairman, attended as a special guest. Indian culture, lodge competition, a bagpipe retreat and the great Sipp-O Rendezvous highlighted a 5B Conclave that will not soon be forgotten.

Lodge participation in 1982 was overwhelming. 181 new members were inducted into Ordeal memberships with the help of over 225 Lodge members in attendance. 45 Arrowmen attained their Brotherhood Honor. Combined attendance at the Spring and Fall Fellowships exceeded 100 Arrowmen.

An active Vigil Committee inducted five new Vigils. A Vigil newsletter, the VIGILANT, began publication. A Vigil Memorial Fund was established with approval of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Two amendments to the Lodge rules were passed. The term of Lodge Officers was changed to match the school year, and Unit Election procedures were altered. ROSS DAVIDSON passed the Lodge Advisorship to KIRK ALBRECHT and DAVE SANDERS was appointed Staff Advisor, replacing DON McCHESNEY.

The Lodge Indian Dance Team and Drum were formed. A new Camp Promotion slide presentation was placed in service. A special committee searched the new Scout Reservation for future OA ceremonial and program sites which were later approved by the Camp Development Committee. The Lodge also served the Council Recognition Dinner.

Challenge and Opportunity: The Buckeye Council Story, which the Lodge sponsored, arrived in November. Hardbound and professionally printed, it contains a concise Council and Lodge Histories and a Roll of Honor listing distinguished holders of Scouting awards and positions.

BROTHERHOOD IN CHEERFUL SERVICE

1982 CHIEF'S REPORT - continued

Sipp-O Lodge celebrates its 35th Anniversary with the close of 1982. I extend a special thanks to all who helped me make 1982 a great success.

In Brotherhood,



Keith Boyer
1982 Sipp-O Lodge Chief



A COOPERATIVE EFFORT & SUCCESS

This year's Council Recognition Dinner was once again a big success. The Lodge Executive Committee would like to take this time to quietly thank those Arrowmen who assisted with the serving of dinner, and the clearing of dishes after.

Al Brown	Jeff Lotze
Dave Wagner	
Frank Smekar	Bruce Lupfer
Tom Phillips	
Jim Cassler	Chris Altvater
Mike Brown	
Jeff Rutt	Kirk Albrecht
Tom Farnsworth	
Randy Gray	Steve Boyer
Dave Brown	
Joe Luster	Joey Ziegman
Keith Feeman	
Chris Davidson	Todd Loxley
Jim Scalia	Ron Amiet

A special thanks to those of you who stayed late doing dishes and helping with the final clean-up.

Elmer Blough	Karl Smith
Duane Slaybaugh	
Danny Blough	Jimmy Young
Jeff Hendershot	Larry Patterson
Brian Vincent	Doug Noah

A Quiet Act of Service

Peter Lothamer was a member of Troop 49, in Deaver District, sponsored by the Canton Rotary Club. Troop 49 is a special troop with special Scouts. Troop 49 has severely handicapped Scouts as members. Although seriously afflicted with muscular dystrophy and knowing that the disease would eventually kill him, Peter was an active and loyal Scout. He earned Order of the Arrow membership, held the fifth-year Pipestone and even Polar Bear Awards. For most of his ten years in the Scout program, Peter was confined to a wheelchair. In more recent years, he was in a nursing home. Even there he roamed the halls, Scout Handbook in hand, promoting Scouting to all who would listen. Peter distinguished himself by earning the Eagle Scout Award, the first awarded in the Buckeye Council to a handicapped Scout and one of few nationally.

Peter died recently and we are now deprived of his fine example. At Peter's funeral, a number of Scouts and Scouters served as an informal Scout Honor Guard. Peter's father made the comment to one Scouter that it was Peter's wish to be buried with his Eagle Medal on but that it could not be located in time. One Arrowman who overheard, removed his Eagle Medal and pinned it to Peter's chest. This selfless act was noted and deeply appreciated by the family. The giver insisted the Medal not be returned, but be buried with Peter. This fine Scouter deserves a bit of public recognition, and I am proud, as an Eagle Scout and an Arrowman myself, to share the story of Dan Cheezan's quiet act of service.

-KIRK ALBRECHT, Lodge Advisor

Report: 1982 FATHER-SON ANNUAL BANQUET



This year's banquet was once again a big success with an attendance of 176 at the Lowell United Church of Christ in Canton. After a Swiss steak dinner, they swung right into the evenings program.

After slides of the 1982 5B Conclave and several special presentations, the installation of your 1983 Lodge Officers occurred.



The awards and recognitions began with the 1982 Vigil Honor Recipients. Sipp-O Lodge nominated and the National Order of the Arrow Committee bestowed the Vigil Honor upon these five Scouts on September 26, 1982. An Indian name was selected for each:

Tim Andrews

WISCHIXINIT
(he exerts himself)

Chuck Copeland

NEKAESCHOCH WALANIPOCHK
(he helps others
through the thickets)

Dave L. Crissey

TAUWUNUMMEN ANEYIT
(he opens a path)

Robert Geib

NEKAWIKHUE NACHPIAMAN
(he builds with rope)

Dave L. Immel

APENDAMEN NACHK
(he uses his hands)



The evening continued with the Life Members and the Chief's Awards for 1982, which are as follows:

Kirk Albrecht	Karl Hermann
Dan Berlyoung	David Herritt
Danny Blough	Todd Loxley
Elmer Blough	Mark Miller
Jim Cassler	Robert Pinkerton
Ross Davidson	Karl Smith
Ken Flanagan	Dan Spies
Jeff Hendershot	Paul Wiseman
Robert Hendershot	William Withers

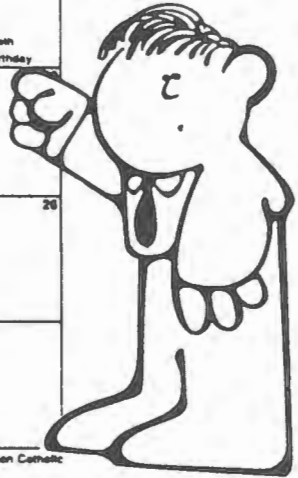


The guest speaker was LINWOOD G. BUSACK, Scout Executive for Fort Steuben Area Council. In 1953 he moved to the McKinley Area Council in Canton as a District Executive. Following the merger of Canton's McKinley Area Council and Massillon's Buckeye Council in 1958, Lin was promoted to Camping and Activities Director. He was again promoted to Director of Field Service in 1968, a post he held until accepting his present position in Steubenville, Ohio.

THE STAG

FEBRUARY '83

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday								
January Boys' Life features February themes Scouting Around the World Artist Cheerful Service		1 	2 	3	4 FULL DAY STAFF MEETING	5 OA Exec Committee Training								
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 TRADING POST OPEN Scout Sebbeh Lincoln's Birthday								
Scout Sunday	Anniversary Day, BSA	13	14 Valentine FINANCE COM. EAGLE DINNER	15 EXPL. DIV/SERV. TEAM MTC. DIST. MFR., CHM. CUB DEPT.	16 EX. COM. MTC. HI ADV. MTC. <small>Mon-Thursday P, RC</small>	17 EPA MTC.	18	19	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED Washington's Birthday	22 23 5B Conclave Registration Deadline O/A EX. COM. MTC	24	25	26 Purim J'
27	Scouting Anniversary Week 8-12 Packs Hold Blue and Gold Banquets St Valentine's Day 14 Baden-Powell's Birthday 22		Boys' Life gets the program into every home every month.			CAMPING COM.		Purim J						



Flag indicates generally accepted holiday

*Begins at sundown

J Jewish O Orthodox P Protestant RC Roman Catholic

MARCH '83

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Boys' Life features March themes: Energy Scientists/Engineer How Far, How Long		1	2	3	4 FULL DAY STAFF MTC.	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 TRADING POST OPEN
13	14 FINANCE COM.	15 EXPL. DIV/SERV. TEAM MTC.	16 EX. BD. COM. HI ADV MTC.	17 EPA MTC. St. Patrick's Day RC	18	19
20	21 CAMPING COM.	22 CUB DAY CAMP SCOUT LD & ADV.	23 COUNCIL KEY-3 O/A EX. COM. MTC.	24	25	26 S-O-R KICK OFF
27	28 STAFF PLANNING CONFERENCE	29	30	31	Annunciation O	Use the budget plan for 100% Boys' Life.
Palm Sunday M P RC	Passover Begins J'	Passover Begins J	Passover Begins J	Mourning Thursday P RC		



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Challenge and Opportunity: The Buckeye Council Story

Sipp-O Lodge recently released CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY: THE BUCKEYE COUNCIL STORY. Some twelve year's research is included in this official history of the Buckeye Council. Beautifully hardbound in gold-stamped leatherette, the history contains 250 photos and illustrations on 150 pages. Twelve chapters trace the founding of the Scouting movement and the B.S.A. through early troops to the five early Councils which eventually merged to form the present day, Buckeye Council. An intensive 8 page history of Sipp-O Lodge is included. A final chapter, "A Roll of Honor," painstakingly lists all significant Buckeye Council BSA Award Holder from Eagle Scouts to the Vigil Honor through the Silver Buffalo. Also listed are significant office holders from the Camp Staffs to Lodge Chiefs to the Council Executive Board.

Sipp-O Lodge, as sponsor of the project, invested over \$20,000.00.

Your support in purchasing a copy will insure that the Lodge investment is returned and a camp improvement fund is started. Author KIRK ALBRECHT has donated his interest in the publication so that all proceeds will benefit Scouting. Other Vigils prominent in the project were Illustrations Editor, DAVE HERRITT, Project Director, JIM CASSLER, and Review Committee Members, WILLIAM CECIL MOORHEAD and G. KENNETH OBERLIN.

Your copy can be obtained through the Buckeye Council Trading Post, Post Office Box 1455, 5136 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, OHIO 44708. The purchase price is \$30.

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SIPP-O LODGE LIFE MEMBERS

(as of 01/01/82)

Darell Conkle	Rolla Jackson
H. Clinton Baldwin	
C. Stuart Rila	John Caldwell
Paul Trubey	
Leonard Hegnauer	Chuck Edwards (deceased)

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