

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

Chiefly Speaking

As I pen this letter, the lodge year is rapidly approaching an end. Soon it will be the Fellowship and elections will be upon us again. However, before this year is over and we must begin the new, we have time to step back and reflect over the past year.

It has definitely been a year of many successes. Most importantly are the more than 130 scouts who passed the tests of the Ordeal and became members of our Order. Equally important are the thirty members who took the Brotherhood upon themselves this past year. The lodge also had several successful activities. For the first time in many years, Sipp-O held a Spring Fellowship. It also played an integral role in the planning and carrying out of the very successful Hutch's Day. Our service is continuing still. Even as you read this, the finishing touches are being put on a kerosene storage facility that the lodge donated to Seven Ranges.

Despite these successes, or rather because of these many successes, we must not be content to sit on our laurels. We must continue to heed that which we promised in the Ordeal. We must be "ever cheerful and unselfish in service and devotion to others," all the time remembering that "he alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellowman."

As lodge chief, I would like to thank all of you for making this one of Sipp-O's most successful years. I say to you honestly that it gives me great pride to have the privilege of leading such an outstanding group of young men.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Scouting.

Dan Lutz

Fall Fellowship-High Adventure

Parting from the traditional Fall Fellowship program known to most of you in Sipp-O, this year's Fall Fellowship will have a high adventure theme. The fellowship will be September 29,30 and October 1, 1995 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Camp Tuscazoar.

Saturday morning we will transport everyone to Fort Laurens in Bolivar. We will spend the day hiking the Zoar Valley Trail back to Tuscazoar. Along the way we will be learning backpacking techniques, low impact camping techniques and best of all... eating real bona fide BACKPACKING FOOD!!! If you are going with your troop or a council contingent to Philmont, Tinnerman, or any other backpacking trip, this is an excellent opportunity to learn about it and get some practice.

After the hike, we will have supper at Tuscazoar and then hold elections for the new officers. A Brotherhood Ceremony will also be conducted later that evening.

The cost for the weekend is \$10.00 per person. We must plan and order the backpacking food ahead of time, so reservations are a MUST!! ALL reservations are to be called into the Council Office at (216)580-4272 or 1-800-589-9812 by September 25th!!!!

You will need to bring a tent as we will be sleeping outdoors. (Brotherhood of Honer Campers!) You will need comfortable hiking shoes, a backpack with a hip strap, a sleeping bag secured to the pack, a canteen, personal eating gear and your personal gear. Remember to pack lightly because you'll be carrying everything on your back. (TIP-When in doubt, don't pack it.) If you have or can borrow a backpacking stove, like the Coleman Peak 1, please bring it. Don't forget your uniform for the elections.

If you don't have a tent, need a ride, or have any other questions, please call Dan Lutz at 499-4759.

Don't miss the opportunity to have lots of fun and learn some valuable skills. **Remember:** Reservations must be called in the the Council Office by September 25! Call today.



Brotherhood Ceremony

As mentioned before, there will be a Brotherhood Ceremony held the weekend of the Ordeal. All Arrowmen who have been in the lodge for at least ten months and feel they are ready to seal their membership in the lodge are encouraged to earn their brotherhood.

In order to earn your brotherhood, you must complete the requirements listed on pages 52-53 your Order of the Arrow Handbook. It would also be wise to learn the Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal on pages 54-56. This sections is an excellent guide and will help you understand the Ordeal more fully.

The testing for the Brotherhood will be conducted Saturday afternoon while on the trail. Don't worry, it is not a rapid fire test, merely an opportunity to discuss what you've learned so far in the OA.

The Brotherhood costs \$10.00. All Arrowmen who are eligible are encourage to earn this honor.

Fall Ordeal Recap

The fall Ordeal was held August 25-27 at Seven Ranges. Seventy eight new members were inducted into our Order and nearly forty Arrowman were there to help

them through their Ordeal. Six Arrowmen sealed their membership in the lodge by earning their Brotherhood as well. They were Kevin Welch, Larry Welch, Christopher Blake, Tim Aurand, Kyle Birmingham and Richard Senff. Congratulations to our newest Brotherhood members.

Special thanks are due to the Elangomats and Ceremonies teams for a job well done, to Ryan Howell for an outstanding job as Ordeal Master for the past two years, and to Carol Greene, Tom White, Dave Seeton, Randy Clement and Bev Rodgers for serving as cooks. Thank you for a job well done!!!

Calender of Events

Fall Fellowship.....September 29-October 1
Winter Banquet.....December 30
Elections....January 1-May 15
Spring Fellowship.....March 22,23,24
Conclave.....May 3,4,5
Spring Ordeal.....June 7,8,9

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