

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET

Well, it's that time of year; the trees have lost their leaves and the Holidays are quickly approaching. The seasons bring a time for fellowship and spreading joy to our fellow man. Please join your fellow Arrowmen for an evening of camaraderie and good food at the **Sipp-O Lodge Winter Banquet** to be held **Saturday, January 6th, 1996**, at **Sachsenheim Hall** in Canton. Check-in and fellowship will begin at **6:30 PM** with the meal starting at **7:00 PM**. The cost for the meal is **\$9.50 pre-registration** and **\$12.00** at the door. A buffet style dinner will be served with a choice of meat, pasta, potatoes, vegetable tray, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Following the meal we will hear from guest speaker **Larry Morris**, who is working on the **Paleo Indian dig** at **Noble Pond** in Jackson Township. We will recognize our new Vigils, and the past and present officers. All friends and family of Arrowmen are welcome. Sachsenheim Hall is located at **5211 W. Tuscarawas Street**, just west of the Hall of Fame Bowling Lanes (across the road from the old Council Office). Please send your reservations to the Buckeye Council Service Center by **December 28, 1995**. See you there!

'TIS THE SEASON

As the weather turns cold and the holiday season approaches, we should all reflect on the purpose of the season and how we as Scouts should play a part in it. The holiday season is a time of sharing and a time of giving. Let us not take for granted what we have and always remember those who are less fortunate. We should reflect on the fellowship that binds us all together and that by which we have chosen to guide our lives ... the Scout Oath and Law.

The Executive Committee of Sipp-O Lodge would like to extend a warm holiday wish to you and yours. May we all have a safe and joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

DUES ARE DUE

Your 1996 dues are due in the month of December. Due to an increase in National registration, we are forced to raise dues to **\$5.00/yr.** this year. Your dues are used to pay National OA registration, printing cost for lodge mailings, postage for those mailings, service projects, camp promotions, and miscellaneous administrative cost. Please pay your dues as soon as possible, as we re-charter in January. Dues should be sent to Sipp-O Lodge c/o Buckeye Council.



HIGHEST HONORS

The **Vigil Honor** is the highest honor a local lodge can bestow upon one of its members. The Vigil is given to recognize those members who go above and beyond what is expected of them as an Arrowman. It represents exemplary service to the Order, Scouting, and the Community. This year Sipp-O Lodge honored six members for their outstanding service and devotion to our purpose. Congratulations to the 1995 Vigil recipients. They are: **Jeff Hall, Dan Lutz, Rick Peters, J. Wendle Beck, Robert Chapman, and Don Schneck.**

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Greetings! The Executive Committee of the lodge recently held a training weekend. There, we set our goals for the upcoming year. We have resolved to further the successes of last year as well as remedy our shortcomings.

As you make your New Year's resolutions and goals, I ask that you include Scouting and the Order of the Arrow in them.

Sincere Holiday Wishes,

Dan Lutz
Lodge Chief



A STEP INTO THE PAST...

A group of 30 Arrowmen took a step (or two) into the past as they hiked the historic Zoar Valley Trail along the old Ohio/Erie Canal from Fort Laurens in Boliver to Camp Tuscazoar. The seven mile hike was a part of the activities at the Fall Fellowship held at Camp Tuscazoar on Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1. The hike was done with backpacks for those who chose to do so and learning sessions on the techniques of backpacking were given at breaks along the way. Those who participated ate backpacking food for the weekend and prepared it on backpacking stoves. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed a fun filled weekend of fellowship.

Saturday evening was the annual lodge business meeting where the 1995-96 lodge officers were elected. Congratulations to Dan Lutz for again being elected as chief. Congratulations to the rest of the elected officers for 1995-96. They are:

Ray Palmer - Administrative Vice-Chief
Ted Dryden - Activities Vice-Chief
Brian Seeton - Vice-Chief of Chapters
Ben Senff - District Vice-Chief
Shawn Selby - Membership Secretary
Adam Woodruff - Recording Secretary
Joe Bomba - Treasurer.

If you are interested in helping with the lodge this year, please contact one of the above people. Phone numbers are listed later in this publication.

NOAC '96 UPDATE

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana on August 11-15, 1996. The cost for this great event is \$200 for youth and \$230 for adults. This includes room and board for the week (and a heck of a good time). Reservations are restricted and expected to fill up fast. A \$50 reservation fee (non-refundable) must be sent to the Buckeye Council office no later than Jan 31, 1996. For those of you wondering what a NOAC is, it's a five day conference held every other year on a rotating basis at different college campuses across the US. About six thousand Arrowmen from across the country meet for training sessions, outstanding shows, competition in the areas of sports, ceremonies, Indian Dance Team, Dance Drum, and individual Indian Dance. There are how-to workshops for various topics including how to make Indian Dance clothing. If you have been to a NOAC before, you know how much fun they are; if you have never been to one, go and see what you have been missing!
Don't miss the fun. NOAC '96 -- BE THERE!

UNIT ELECTIONS

Unit elections and camp promotions will begin January 1, with elections ending May 15th. All troop elections **must** be performed by an official lodge election team. To schedule an election or camp promotion presentation, please contact your respective District Coordinator listed below. If you are interested in helping with elections or camp promotions, please contact Ben Senff.

District Vice Chief -

Ben Senff - 216-262-8622

Killbuck District -

Jason Yoh - 216-264-8986

Netawotawes District -

Ryan Howell - 216-364-6960

Sandy Beaver - (Ben Senff)

Seneca District - (Ben Senff)

Wapakonachee District -

Matt Flanagan - 216-862-2718

Westark District -

Ryan Pittinger - 216-832-8712

The requirements for youth membership in the Order of the Arrow are as follows:

- Be under 21 years of age.
- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class Rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
- After registration with a troop, team or post, have experienced 15 days and nights of camping, including six consecutive days and nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, within 2 years immediately prior to election to candidate status.
- Approval of his unit leader in regards to Scouting spirit, his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, and participation in unit activities.

These policies as well as the policies for adult membership are reprinted on pages 34-35 of the Guide for Officers and Advisers, which is available in the Scout Shop.

INDIAN ACTIVITIES

The Indian Activities committee has been busy working on an agenda for the upcoming year. Many changes are being planned to help improve the quality of program and ceremonies. The clothing is being evaluated to determine what needs replaced and repaired. Ceremony parts will be rehearsed and try-outs will be held when needed. The lodge would like to send a team to competition at both the section conclave and NOAC. If you would like to become part of a ceremony team or help out with any part of the Indian Activities committee, please contact Chairman Jeremy Ayers at 216-492-6258, or



Assistants Bart Shaffer at 216-588-8342, or Rob Sick at 216-454-6384. An organizational meeting will be held January 13, 1996, for those wishing to get involved. Please call one of the above people or attend the winter banquet for more information on this meeting.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!

It's not too early to mark your calendars and plan on attending the 1996 Section C5A Conclave. It is to be held May 4-6, 1996 at Camp Manatoc in Akron. About three hundred Arrowmen from the lodges in Northeastern Ohio will meet for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and sharing ideas.

The cost for the weekend is \$25.00/ person which includes food, conclave patch, and program materials. We will be staying in cabins for the weekend.

Sipp-O has a long standing tradition of strongly supporting this event, so, plan to attend and join the fun. Look for more information in upcoming Stags!

F.Y.I. Sipp-O Lodge is scheduled to host the 1997 conclave at Seven Ranges.

CONGRATULATIONS!

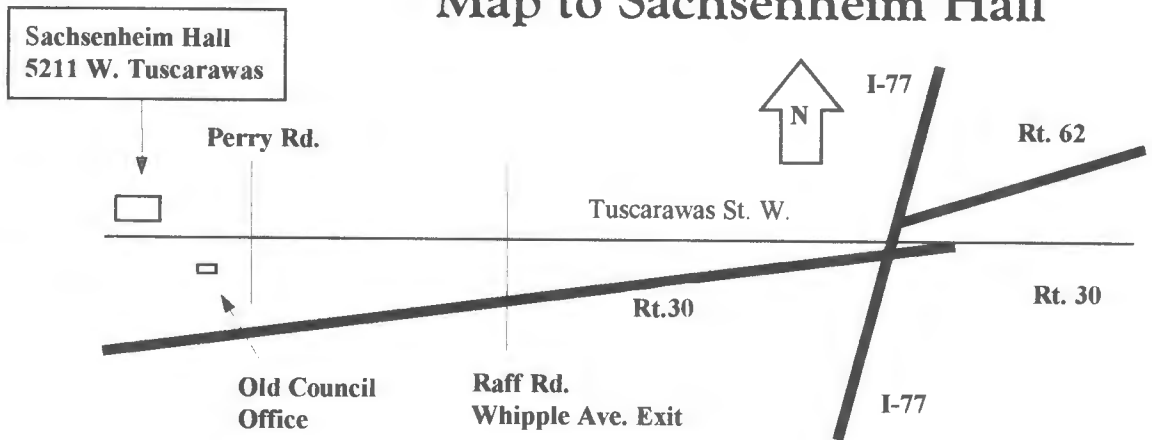
Three of the seven 1995 recipients of the Silver Beaver Award are also Vigil Members of Sipp-O Lodge. There are Kenneth Flanagan, Leo Koller, and Daniel Riggle. We would like to congratulate them on receiving this distinction, but more importantly, we would like to thank them for the time, effort, and energy they have dedicated to Scouting as well as the Order of the Arrow.

Heart felt congratulations are extended as well to Keith Crewson, David Greel, Michael Kinsey, and Tom McFadden.

MEETIN' TIME

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is January 28, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center. All interested Arrowmen are welcome to attend and observe this meeting.

Map to Sachsenheim Hall



Sipp-O Reservation Form

Name _____ Troop _____

Winter Banquet - _____ guests x \$9.50 = _____

Dues - \$5.00 = _____

N.O.A.C. Reservation \$50.00 = _____



Mail to: **Buckeye Council Scout Service Center**
2301 13th Street N.W., Canton Ohio. 44708

1995-96 LODGE OFFICERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lodge Chief

Dan Lutz 216-499-4759

Administrative Vice Chief

Ray Palmer 216-364-8988

Activities Vice Chief

Ted Dryden 216-343-4208

Vice Chief of Chapters

Brian Seeton 216-454-1024

District Vice Chief

Ben Senff 216-262-8622

Membership Secretary

Shawn Selby 216-477-5085

Recording Secretary

Adam Woodruff 216-875-9658

Treasurer

Joe Bomba 216-699-9075

January 1 - May 15	Unit Elections
January 6	Winter Banquet
January 7	Council of Chiefs
January 13	Indian Activities Meeting
January 28	Executive Committee Mtg.
February 24	I.A. Try-outs/ Meeting
March 22-24	Spring Fellowship
May 4-6	Section C5A Conclave
June 7-9	Spring Ordeal
June 8	Hutch's Day
June 16 - Aug. 10	Summer Camp
August 11-15	NOAC
August 23-25	Fall Ordeal
September 21,22	Vigil Weekend
October 4-6	Fall Fellowship
November 15-17	Officer Training



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