

# The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

## "IN SEARCH OF" PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 1997 OA WINTER BANQUET

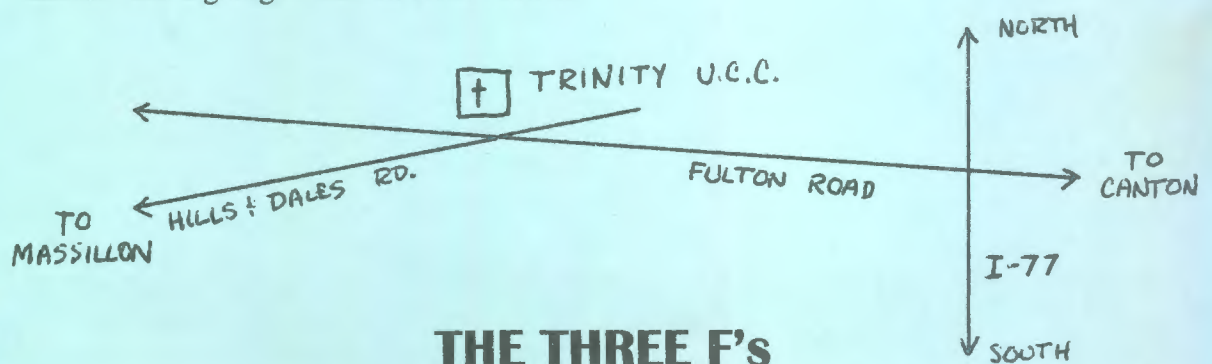
The annual Sipp-O Lodge Winter Banquet is coming. It will be Friday, January 3, 1997 at 6:30 P.M. The Banquet is being held at Trinity United Church of Christ, 3909 Balckburn Rd. (corner of Fulton and Hills & Dales Roads) in Canton. (See map) The cost is \$8.00 per person, and is open to all arrowmen and their family or friends.

After a tasty meal, recognitions and awards will be presented, and introductions will be made. Our featured entertainment will be Mr. Pitt Sanders, a Massillon area Scouter, who is a world traveled big game hunter. He is going to take us on an African

Safari through the wilds of Angola in search of ?????? Well, you will just have to come and find out for yourself.

Also, your Lodge Executive Committee has recently recommended making changes to our Lodge Rules. These changes need to be voted on and approved by those who attend the banquet before they can take effect. Please carefully consider the proposal on pages 2 through 4 so you can make an informed decision.

**See you at the Safari.**



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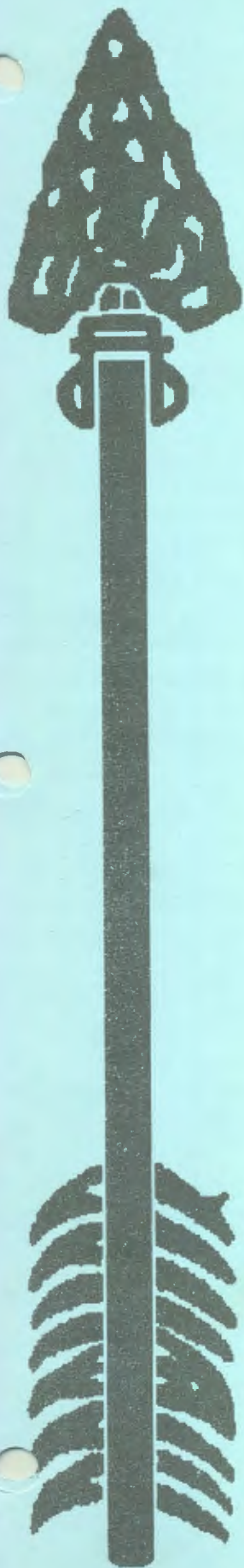
On June 6-8, 1997 Sipp-O Lodge will host the 1997 section C5A Conclave. What is a Conclave? It is a gathering of Arrowmen from all five of the lodges in North Eastern Ohio. These Arrowmen will gather together for a weekend of **fellowship**, training, **food**, and most of all **FUN**.

Our conclave will feature distinguished guests, great food, inter-lodge competition, an American Indian Pow Wow, ceremonies, fantastic entertainment, and much, much more.

Our section leadership has also decided to

invite lodges from Section C5B, which covers Southern Ohio and West Virginia. This will allow each of us to meet many more Arrowmen and learn from each of their experiences.

The cost for this event will be a small sum of \$25. Also, if you would like to help us, we have much work to be done: we still need ideas for skits, stunts, and events. Any suggestions or questions call Bart Shaffer at 588-8342.



## Changes to Lodge Rules

My Brothers, along with the good food and lively entertainment at the Winter Banquet this year, we also have some very important business to discuss. There are three proposed amendments to the Sipp-O Lodge Rules. The decision on whether to include these amendments or not must be made by the General Membership of the Lodge. This means your opinion counts!

Parts of the Lodge Rules that are subject to change are Article IV Section B1, Article VI Section A, and Article X.

### Article IV Section B1. The Vigil Honor

**Currently Reads:** The Vigil Committee will meet annually on or about June 30th of each year.

**Proposed Change:** The Vigil Committee will meet annually on or *before* June 30th of each year.

**Explanation:** This would allow Vigil Nominations to be approved earlier by National each year, enabling Vigil Candidates to be called out at Summer Camp.

### Article VI Section A. Officers

**Currently Reads:** The officers of this Lodge shall be in this order of precedence, a Lodge Chief, Administrative Vice Chief, Activities Vice Chief, District Vice Chief, Vice Chief of Chapters, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chief. These elected officers must be under 21 years of age during the entire term of office.

**Proposed Change:** The officers of this lodge shall be in order of precedence, a Lodge Chief, Administrative Vice Chief, Activities Vice Chief, Vice *Chief of Districts*, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chief. These elected officers must be under 21 years of age the entire term of office.

**Explanation:** The office of Vice Chief of Chapters is no longer needed because we will not put the Chapter System into effect. Instead, we will use the District Program, which will be more beneficial to the lodge. The Vice Chief of Districts' duties will be to coordinate between the District and the Lodge and to oversee unit election on the lodge level.

### Article X. Service Areas

**Currently Reads:**

#### X. Service Areas

A. The Lodge shall be organized into Service Areas to correspond to District borders.

B. The Service Area Coordinators shall be under 21 years of age for his term of office.

C. The Service Area Coordinators shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief in consultation with the District Vice Chief. An advisor shall be appointed for each Service Area by the Lodge Advisor, in consultation with the

## District Executive.

### Proposed Change:

#### X. District Rules and Regulations

##### A. Purpose

1. The district is a division of the lodge for carrying out lodge program. The district is not a super-unit unto itself, but is a camping promotion aid for units.

##### B. Division

1. The Council will be split into the six districts. The six districts will be: Killbuck, Netawotwes, Sandy Beaver, Seneca, West Stark, and Wopakonachee.

##### C. Administration

1. District Key Officers shall be in this order of precedence: a District Chief, District Vice Chief of Elections, District Vice Chief of Promotions, and District Vice Chief of Activities. The elected officers must be under 21 for their whole term in office.

2. If it is necessary the District Key Officers may remove person from office if: (1) They get approval of the District Advisor and if the Lodge Chief and Vice Chief of Districts consent, and (2) They receive a 2/3 majority vote of the District Membership Body.

3. Election Procedures must be followed as they are outlined in the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Sipp-O Lodge Local Rules.

a. The district officer elections will be held in November and after lodge elections. The term of office will be one year until the following November meeting.

b. Elected lodge officers cannot serve as elected district officers.

##### 4. Job descriptions of the officers

District Chief: (1) Responsible for adherence to the program and policies of the lodge and district, (2) Works closely with the District Advisor, (3) Attends all District Meetings, (4) Presides over all meeting of the District, (5) Appoints chairmen to committees, (6) Assigns district members to committees, (7) Responsible for the planning and conducting of district activities, (8) Delegates duties too district officers and committee chairmen, (9) Undertakes district service projects with the approval of the District Advisor, (10) Correctly wears the Scout uniform, (11) Attends Lodge Executive Committee Meetings, (12) Makes sure elections are handled appropriately.

District Vice Chief of Elections: (1) Assist the District Chief in the administration of the district, (2) Attends the Lodge Executive Meeting in the absence of the District Chief, (3) Oversees all elections in the District makes sure they are carried out in accordance to National and Lodge policy, (4) Appoints election team leaders, (5) With the Assistance of the District Chief and Lodge Vice Chief of Districts, trains all District members involved with elections, (6) Coordinates election dates with camp promotion dates, (7) Does all other tasks as assigned to him by the District Chief.

District Vice Chief of Promotions: (1) Promotes Summer Camp to all Troops in the District, (2) Appoints promotion team leaders, (3) Coordinates camp promotion dates with election dates, (4) Makes sure that the Troops receive all camp promotion literature, (5) With the assistance of the district Chief and the e Lodge Vice Chief of Districts, trains all District members involved in Camp Promotions, (6) Does all other tasks as assigned to him by the District Chief.

District Vice Chief of Activities: (1) Oversees all District Committees not included in elections or camp promotions. Such as the e Klondike, Camporree, Scout-O-Rama and other committees to supplement District program, as well as offering service to the District, (2) With the assistance of the District Chief and the Lodge Vice Chief of Districts, trains all committee chairmen under him, (3) Provides the needed amount of Elangomats from that district to the Lodge Elangomat Chairman with adequate time available to

train them before the Ordeal, (4) Does all other things as assigned to him by the District Chief.

5. The District Chief and the District Advisor will represent the lodge on the District Committee

#### D. Meetings

1. The Key Officers shall consist of the District Officers, District Advisor, committee chairmen, chairmen advisors, Lodge Chief, and the Lodge Vice Chief of Districts.

2. All lodge members of good standing in the district can vote.

3. Minimum of six meetings yearly. Held in conjunction with District Roundtables.

4. Special meetings of the Key Officers may be called by the District Chief, District Advisor, or the Lodge Vice Chief of Districts.

5. The Key Officer must adhere to Sipp-O Lodge Local Rules.

6. The Key Officers operate by the Standing Executive Committee Rules.

#### E. Committee Chairmen

1. Committee Chairmen in the district are also committee members in their corresponding lodge committee.

2. With the approval of the District Advisor the District Chief reserves the right to make committees as he sees fit.

#### F. Role of Vice Chief of Districts

The role of the Vice Chief of Districts will be to act as: (1) a liaison between district and lodge, (2) Makes sure dates do not conflict, (3) Makes sure elections are being handled properly, (4) Promotes district participation in lodge events, (5) Makes sure all Lodge and District polices are being followed, (6) Helps the Districts when they need guidance, (7) Oversees and assists the District Chiefs in training District Officers and Committee Chairmen, (8) Oversees unit elections on the lodge level.

#### G. Events

1. District will be expected to: (a) Contribute to district program at klondikes, camporees, Scout\_O-Ramas, Roundtables, etc. (b) Be visible to Crossover ceremonies, promoting camping, and by promoting council camps. (c) Be visible to the community by doing service projects to benefit community.

2. Districts will not conduct or sponsor lodge oriented activities such as Ordeals, Fellowships, Banquets, fund raisers, or ceremonial teams (Cross Over Ceremonies aside).

#### H. Money

Districts cannot own property or have an operating budget. They get their money from the lodge budget by securing a Purchase Order from the lodge Treasurer and obtaining the correct signatures. A district cannot require an Arrowmen to pay District dues or anything else that is not related to a lodge event.

#### I. Advisors

1. The Lodge Advisor will appoint a District Advisor to each District.

2. The District Advisors will appoint advisors to all District Officers and Committee Chairmen.

3. Advisor terms will run per District year.

# The New District's Profile

## Seneca -

Chief: Chris Sandrock  
Phone: 330-494-0637  
Meeting Place: Faith United Methodist  
Church in N. Canton  
Date: January 8th  
Time: 7:00pm

## Sandy Beaver -

Chief: Jeff Hall  
Phone: 330-482-4437  
Meeting Place: Camp McKinley Dining  
Hall  
Date: January 9th  
Time: 7:00pm

## Wapakonachee -

Chief: Ken Varian  
Phone: 330-488-0911  
Meeting Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran  
Church in Alliance  
Date: January 14th  
Time: 7:00pm

## Killbuck -

Chief: Jason Yoh  
Phone: 330-264-8986  
Meeting Place: First Lutheran Church  
Annex. In Wooster  
Date: January 9th  
Time: 7:00pm

## Netawotwes -

Chief: Joshua Knudsen  
Phone: 330-859-2246  
Meeting Place: First Methodist Church in  
New Philadelphia  
Date: January 9th  
Time: 7:00pm

## Westark -

Chief: Adam Woodruff  
Phone: 875-9658 (Louisville)  
Meeting Place: Massilon Senior Center  
Date: January 8th  
Time: 7:00pm

## Take a Look Scoutmasters

Starting January 1st and going to May 15th are Unit Elections and Camp Promotions. These are very important and we would like it if you could please schedule them early.

To schedule please contact the district chief in your area and he will take care of your unit's elections and camp promotions. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Did You Get Your Bead

For those of you who don't know, Sipp-O has a bead recognition award program. What is that you ask? For most lodge events and functions the lodge awards each participating Arrowman with a bead to wear. We use 1840's era glass trade beads for these awards with a different color designating particular activities. Traditionally we have worn these beads on various neck thongs. This system was started by the Executive Committee in 1995. We urge all Arrowmen to wear their beads to show their lodge participation. The Lodge membership Secretary is responsible for distributing these beads at each event.

The beads are as follows:

Red-for your degree of honor (1-Ordeal Member, 2-Brotherhood, 3 Vigil); Orange-Fellowship; Purple-Conclave; White-Christmas Banquet; Brown-Work Day or Service; Green-Service at Ordeal; Turquoise-Indian Activities at major event; Yellow-Executive Committee; Dark Blue-Elangomat; French Brass Bead-National Order of the Arrow Conference

Come to the lodge events to get your beads and wear them proudly!

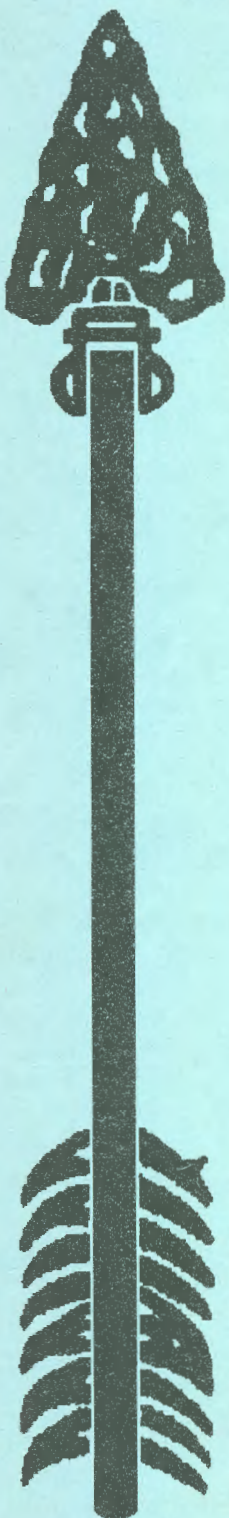


# WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD (ARROW) MEN

Do you want to have a part in an OA ceremony? Would you like to help set up our events? How about cooking for your fellow Arrowmen? Do you want to show off your computer skills through lodge publications?

If any of the above strikes your interest, then boy do we have a special place for you. Your lodge operates through committees made up of Arrowmen like you to make things operate smoothly and properly.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Following below is a list of committees or areas of interest operating within your lodge and a partial listing of their activities. Help is needed by youth and adult members alike in all aspects of the lodge. Check one or more boxes of your interest and send it to the Scout Service Center. You can expect a call from the Committee Chairman or Adviser to discuss how you can get involved. A special thanks to all who have completed this form and sent it in.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>INDIAN ACTIVITIES</b><br/>Conduct "calling out" and all other ceremonies. Maintains ceremonial clothing and circles.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BROTHERHOOD</b><br/>Promotes the Brotherhood Honor. Keeps record and notifies Ordeal members of eligibility for Brotherhood</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ELANGOMAT</b><br/>Sets up "Clans" for ordeals. Provides clan leaders. Maintains contact with new members through clan leaders.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>COMMISSARY</b><br/>Arranges for food service at Lodge events.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>VIGIL</b><br/>Nominates deserving Brotherhood Arrowmen for Vigil Honor. Coordinates Vigil Reunion and Induction.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLICATIONS</b><br/>Compiles information, writes articles and publishes Lodge newsletter, "The Stag", on a regular basis.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ELECTIONS</b><br/>Conducts Unit elections for OA membership under direction of district Vice Chief.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SERVICE</b><br/>Organizes all lodge service projects under direction of Activities Vice Chief.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ORDEAL</b><br/>Organizes and Holds regular ordeals for induction of new members.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>CAMP PROMOTION</b><br/>Produces and maintains camp promotions literature and visual aids of camping for use by local Scout Troops.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONCLAVE</b><br/>Plans, Organizes, and Promotes the 1997 Section Conclave hosted by Sipp-O Lodge</li> </ul> |
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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2301 13th Street N.W. ~ Canton, Ohio 44708

# Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

We have a busy and exciting upcoming year. Our lodge is hosting the Section Conclave this year at Seven Ranges on June 6-8th. At the Conclave all five lodges in the Section get together for a weekend of fellowship, training, and lots of fun. The goal is to have 100 lodge members to attend and work on staff. So mark the date on your calendars. It will be one of the most fun weekends you will have had in a long time! We are also going to instate the District Program. This is brand new for Sipp-O Lodge and will require lots of help. What the District Program will do is to get the Order of the Arrow active on the District level and make ourselves visible to the Districts at Klondikes, Camporees and Scout O Ramas. This will take a lot of support. We need your help!

With the Conclave and the District Program, Sipp-O Lodge is going to have one of the best years in recent history. *So get in on the action and make your lodge the best it can be!*

Yours in Brotherhood,  
*Brian Seaton*  
Lodge Chief 1996-97

# Dues for '97

As you know, the year is coming to an end. This means that for the 1997 year you will soon be needing to pay your dues. Dues are an important part of lodge membership. When you pay your dues, you signify that you are a part of the lodge and you are sent The Stag, newsletter with information on upcoming events. I urge you to become as active as you can in the lodge. One way of becoming active is by paying your \$5.00 dues. Send them to the Boy Scout Council Office. If for some reason you need help or have questions, you can contact me at (330)488-0971. When you pay your dues you will receive a nifty new membership card and you will continue to receive your Stag.

Yours in the Order,  
*Jeremy Edwards*  
Membership Secretary

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## Sipp-O Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Banquet - \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1997 Dues - (Pay for one year only) \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# 1996 - 97 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	<b>Brian Seeton</b> 330-454-1024
Administrative Vice Chief	<b>Joe Bomba</b> 330-699-9075
Activities Vice Chief	<b>Rob Sick</b> 330-454-6384
District Vice Chief	<b>Adam Woodruff</b> 330-875-9658
Membership Secretary	<b>Jeremy Edwards</b> 330-448-0941
Recording Secretary	<b>Matt Flanagan</b> 330-862-2718
Treasurer	<b>Troy Alpeter</b> 330-499-3026
Lodge Advisor	<b>Jim Cassler</b> 330-497-1440
	<b>Work - 330-456-8319</b>

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

<i>December 1</i>	<i>Dues Due</i>
<i>December 30</i>	<i>Banquet Reservations Due</i>
<i>January 3</i>	<i>Winter Banquet at Trinity UCC</i>
<i>January 8</i>	<i>Seneca District Kick-Off</i> <i>Westark District Kick-Off</i>
<i>January 9</i>	<i>Sandy Beaver District Kick-Off</i> <i>Kilbuck District Kick-Off</i> <i>Neta District Kick-Off</i>
<i>January 14</i>	<i>Wapa District Kick-Off</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Executive Committee Meeting</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>Executive Committee Meeting</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>BOWL-A-TAON</i>

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