

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

September 1996

FALL FELLOWSHIP... The Fun Continues

Come one, come all to the 1996 Fall Fellowship to be held on October 4-6 at Atwood Lake Park near New Cumberland. If you are a new member or an old timer, we want to see everyone there for what should be an action packed weekend.

What is a fellowship, you ask? It is a fun only weekend for all lodge members. We have no service projects planned!!! In addition to getting to know your fellow lodge members during the day's activities, we also hold the election of new lodge officers for the coming year, and give new members an opportunity to get involved in the committees that interest them. A Brotherhood ceremony will be offered for those who wish to seal their membership in the order.

We will be camping in tents in the group camping area. Those attending should bring their own tent if possible. If you don't have a tent, come anyway..... we'll have plenty of room available. Don't forget cooking and eating utensils, (food will be provided) camping gear, and a complete Scout uniform. Class A or B uniforms will be the uniform of the day.

The Fellowship is being held during Atwood Lake's Fall Festival Weekend. This will insure plenty to do from dawn till dusk. Some of the items and events taking place there will be; live music throughout the day, live entertainment acts, mountain man encampment, authentic wagon train depicting the early American pioneer days, demonstrations of radio control aircraft, antique engine display, demonstrations of muzzle loader shooting and tomahawk throwing,

woodworking and crafts, and lots of different foods to sample.

This will a new and different sort of fellowship activity for Sipp-O and promises to have something for everyone. New members, come and see what we are all about. As in Sipp-O tradition, there will be plenty of good food and good fun for all those attending. Check-in will be between 7 and 8PM, Friday night, October 4th. Come to the main campground off Route 212 near New Cumberland. Pass the marina and go to the campground gate and an Arrowman will be there to direct you. (see map on page 6)

The weekend will conclude after breakfast Sunday morning approximately 9:00 AM, October 6. Arrange for your transportation to pick you up at the main gate to avoid an entrance fee.

The cost for this fun-filled weekend will be \$10.00 which includes camping fees and eating with the lodge. You may wish to bring extra money for souvenirs at the festival. **Pre-registration is required** for the fellowship. Send your money with the form on Page 7 to the Council Service Center by September 30 to insure your place there. If you need transportation, call Jim Cassler at 497-1440 and he will help if possible.

We would like to see at least one Arrowman from each Troop in the Council at the fellowship. Remember, you will be electing next year's officers, so come and have a say in your lodge's future. Let's make this the biggest Fellowship ever and show off the spirit that Sipp-O is famous for.

Hope to see you there!!!!



NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Mother Nature cooperated fully during the Fall Ordeal held at Seven Ranges August 23-25. A feeble attempt at an overnight drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of the 136 candidates and 51 members who attended. Saturday was a perfect sunny day as the Elangomats and their clans set out to "close camp" for the season. The day had its share of hospital runs, mostly the usual cuts and self inflicted stab wounds from the arrow carving. One candidate tried the old "sledge hammer to the finger" trick. Some people will do anything to get out of work. The clans did so well that they ran out of work in the afternoon.

Congratulations to all of our new Arrowmen and we urge you to stay active in the Order and join in on the fun at the fall fellowship.



OFFICERS WANTED

If any Arrowman is interested in running for a lodge office; chief, one of three vice chiefs, treasurer, recording secretary, or membership secretary, then come to the Fall Fellowship. The Lodge Nominating Committee will have a slate of nominations ready and additional nominations will be taken from the floor. Here is your chance to be a "big cheese" and help your lodge in the process.



UPCOMING EVENTS



The Vigil Honor is awarded to selected Brotherhood members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest in the welfare of others. It is the highest mark of distinction and recognition in the Order. Sipp-O Lodge will be honoring several candidates on September 21 &

22. Invitations to all Vigils were sent out. Get your reservations in ASAP so that we can plan accordingly.

Details for the annual Winter Banquet are being finalized. It will be held January 3, 1997. Time and location will be announced soon.

SIPP-O LODGE TO HOST C5A CONCLAVE IN 1997

Each year the OA Lodges from Northern Ohio (Section C5-A) get together for a weekend of training, fun, and fellowship. Sipp-O Lodge has the honor of hosting those five lodges for the next Conclave at Seven Ranges on June 6-8, 1997. We will need the help of many Arrowmen to be able to put on the best conclave ever. We need both youth and adult to head up several committees to plan and set up the Conclave. We will be discussing preliminary plans at the Fellowship. Sipp-O Lodge has a reputation for putting on a top-notch Conclave. We would like to have at least 100 Arrowmen from our Lodge to not only staff, but participate in the fun. More information will be coming in future issues of THE STAG.



In Memoriam

It is with great regret that we report the passing of Vigil Honor Member

Darwin Peters

Darwin passed away August 5th leaving behind his family and many Scouting friends. He was a Scout Leader for 10 years and was awarded the District Award of Merit. His memorial service was attended by his many Scouting friends from Sandy Beaver District.

We will miss his cheerfulness, dedication, and his ever present smile.



WE'RE 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 200 Arrowmen? Do you want to show off your computer skills through lodge records or 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 with your Fellowship reservation. You can expect a call from the Committee Chairman or Adviser to discuss how you can get involved.

- **INDIAN ACTIVITIES**

Conducts "calling out", and all other ceremonies. Maintains ceremonial clothing.

- **BROTHERHOOD**

Promotes the Brotherhood Honor. Keeps record and notifies Ordeal members of eligibility for Brotherhood

- **ELANGOMAT**

Sets up "Clans" at ordeals. Provide clan leaders. Maintains contact with new members through clan leaders.

- **COMMISSARY**

Arranges for food service at Lodge events.

- **VIGIL**

Nominates deserving Brotherhood Arrowmen for Vigil Honor. Coordinates Vigil Reunion and Induction.

- **PUBLICATIONS**

Compiles information, writes articles and publishes Lodge newsletter, "The Stag", on a regular basis.

- **ELECTIONS**

Conducts Unit elections for OA membership under direction of District Vice Chief.

- **SERVICE**

Organizes all lodge service projects under direction of Activities Vice Chief

- **ORDEAL**

Organizes and holds regular ordeals for induction of new members

- **CAMP PROMOTION**

Produces and maintains camp promotions literature and visual aids of camping for use by local Scout Troops

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SIPP-O STORMS NOAC



Sipp-O Arrowman Delegates to National Order of the Arrow Conference

Standing L-R: Walter Fowles, "Uncle Dick" Wiseman, Vince Strasovich, Rob Sick, Bill Withers, Chris Sandrock, Bill Johnson, Rick Wheeler, Joe Bomba, Ted Hall, Adam Woodruff, Jeff Hall, Dan Lutz.

Kneeling L-R: Jim Cassler, Bart Shaffer, Brian Seeton, Matt Flanagan, Keith Boyer, Ken Flanagan.

A week of outstanding shows, seminars, workshops, activities, and fellowship was in store for the 18 Sipp-O delegates at the 1996 NOAC. More than 6,300 Arrowmen from over 300 lodges from across the United States attended this year's event held from August 11-15 at The University of Indiana in Bloomington.

Sipp-O lodge once again made its spirit and presence known on a national level. After traveling on Sunday by caravan to U of I, our Arrowmen settled into their assigned dorm rooms and got ready for a week of non-stop action.

The Opening Show Sunday evening at Assembly Hall featured remarks from Robert Gates, former Director of the CIA. Mr. Gates is an Eagle Scout and fellow Vigil Member in the OA.

Plenty of good food at each meal from the dorm cafeterias was followed by our illustrious Lodge Chief, Dan Lutz, standing on a table and leading the hall in camp songs. Over the course of the week, it proved contagious and other lodges

joined in in on the fun.

During the day, Arrowmen had the opportunity to choose their own activities to attend. Training sessions covering a wide range of topics were available during the mornings. Throughout the rest of the day Arrowmen could participate in the many events offered, such as "Meet the Man" sessions, TOAP (The Outdoor Adventure Place), participation in athletic event competition, workshops, ceremonies competition, swimming and other recreational activities, and patch trading.

The conference even had a Scouting memorabilia Museum and it's own daily newspaper and radio station.

Every evening was topped of with an outstanding show. Monday night was the founders show featuring "Goodman's Dream" highlighting the ideals of our founders, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson and the history of



Distinguished Service Award

our Order. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to thirty seven youth and adults for their dedication and service to the Order.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Lodge Brotherhood Team participated in the Ceremony Evaluation. Groups of three ceremonial teams from different lodges performed the Brotherhood ceremony then evaluated each other's performance.

Tuesday night had the "Indian Show" with the finals of the national team and individual Indian Dancing Competition. Individuals competed in five different categories of dance; Straight, Traditional, Old Style, Grass, and Fancy. A special guest for that show was Curtis Zunigha, elected Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Wednesday afternoon was the big event with the "Founder's Day Festival" with lodge booths from across the country. Next to the festival was the "Pow Wow" with several hundred dancers in full Indian dance outfits. Chief Zuniqgha was there to join in on the dancing.

Wednesday night was the Theme Show, "The Indian Mound" about the conference theme, "See the Dream, Live the Adventure". An outstanding laser and sound extravaganza ended the show. Following the show Sipp-O partied at the Arrowpolooza and Ice Cream Social featuring live music by "Imagine", a Beatles look and sound alike. Sipp-O made their mark in their swim fins, masks, snorkels, and beach attire. (Didn't someone say it was a beach party?)

The reigning Miss Teenage America, Katie Beam was there signing autographs, but when she saw Sipp-O, she jumped up on her chair and started video taping us. (Big deal, huh?)

Thursday brought an end to the conference with the closing show featuring Katie Beam, a recap of the conference in video and pictures (Even lodge member Matt Flanagan's picture made it into the closing show), closing remarks from the National Officers, and an invitation to the 1998 NOAC at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Did I forget to mention that Sipp-O took over the cafeteria Wednesday at dinner decked out in our tuxedo finery. We graciously supplied the dining Arrowmen with a maitre d', waiters, busboys, and of course our singing entertainment. Woody (Adam Woodruff) took over the salad bar and got immediately promoted to dishwasher in the kitchen. They had the regular dishwasher mopping the floor because he couldn't keep up with him. The whole meal time got pretty crazy for a while. (Sipp-O was complimented by several other Lodges for their spirit during all this craziness)

Everyone had a great time and have just one thing to say to the rest of Sipp-O Lodge:

"IOWA STATE IN 98!!"



BROTHERHOOD A SUCCESS



This year 77 members of our Lodge took the next step in the Order by attaining the Brotherhood membership.

The OA Handbook states: "It is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting and to the Lodge since their Ordeal induction. Brotherhood membership is sought by arrowmen seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purpose of the Order." For those new Brotherhood members who did not receive their new card, certificate, and bead, you can pick them up at the fellowship or any other lodge function.

There are five challenges that an Arrowman must meet to enter the circle of the Brotherhood. These are explained in your OA Handbook.

We urge all Sipp-O Arrowmen to attain the Brotherhood and you will have another opportunity to do just that at the Fall Fellowship. Complete the challenges and send in \$10.00 with the form on page 7 to the Service Center. Send your Brotherhood letter to the Lodge Membership Sec., Jeremy Edwards, 5273 Grandvale NE, East Canton, OH 44730.



LODGE OFFICER PROFILE JOE BOMBA



Joe Bomba is the subject of our officer profile for this issue of the Stag. Joe is the Treasurer of Sipp-O Lodge and a Brotherhood member. What does he treasure? Joe tracks all of the lodge funds, sets the budget and approves purchases that the lodge committee members make. Don't the Indians love the new torches?

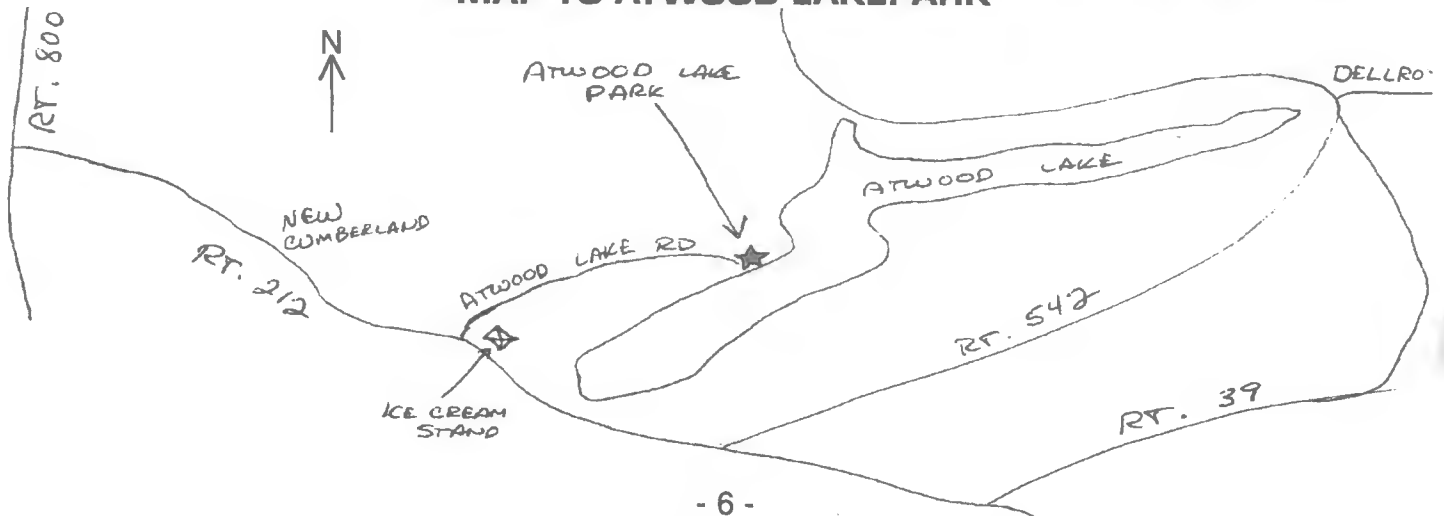
Joe has been in the Scouting program since Tiger Cubs. This fall is the start of his 12th year of scouting. Joe is an Eagle Scout in Troop 10 of North Canton, a fifth year Polar Bear recipient and holder of the Fifth Year Pipestone. He has served as a PL, Den Chief, Quartermaster and is currently the SPL. Joe takes an active role in all of his troop's activities. Joe also has been on staff at Seven Ranges for the past two years.

Joe is 16 years old, a junior at Lake High School and is enrolled as a freshman at the University of Akron in the post-secondary program. He carries a 3.6 GPA. His hobbies include mountain biking, building models, reading sci-fi and comedy books, working on the computer and fixing whatever he breaks.

Members In Action At NOAC



MAP TO ATWOOD LAKEPARK



KEEP IN OA STYLE

New Sipp-O Lodge T-Shirts are available at the Scout Store at the Council Service Center. These bright red beauties are the envy of your friends. Be the first in your troop to have one, and wear it with pride. Cost is \$6.50 while available.



SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Troop # _____

Phone Number _____

Fall Fellowship — _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Brotherhood at Fellowship _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

1996 Dues — _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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For further information about any Lodge function contact
Ted Dryden or Jim Cassler

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- September 21-22 Vigil Weekend
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- October 4-6 Fall Fellowship
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- November 8-10. Lodge Leadership Development Conference - Camp Butler
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- November 15-17 Officers Training
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- January 3, 1997 Winter Banquet

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