

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

Seven Ranges Sets Records

Once again Fall Ordeal is near, a time to bring in new members and put in a little work too, with a whole lot of good old fun. Seven Ranges has set the record for the most campers attending Buckeye Council's summer camp program. We need our brothers to help properly put away the equipment used by summer camp staff and campers. If we can get as much good help as at the Spring Ordeal, the Fall Ordeal will most likely set the record for the most cheerful spirit of any Ordeal in the past. The Fall Ordeal will be held at Seven Ranges from August 22 - 24. When you arrive check in at the Admin building beginning at 7:00 PM on August 22. Please plan on staying through breakfast on Sunday. Remember to send in your reservation form by the August 18.



Come Ye to Place Buggies

Hear ye, hear ye, once again Sipp-O Lodge has been asked to take on an enormous task, and all you are urged to come out and support your lodge. We have been asked to do the parking at the Yankee Peddler Festival on September 13th and 20th. This will be a lot of work, but if you all come out we can make an enjoyable time of it. We will have 3 shifts of 10 people for each day. The times for these shifts will be published later. And of course as always, there will be a few perks. Not only will we get free food and drinks, but the Lodge will also add to its treasury. There will be time to look around the show itself. This job is not just limited to us arrowmen; we encourage you to bring a parent, or both for that matter, to help us park cars. If you are interested, please call Bart Shaffer at 330-588-8342, and please mark your calendar now.



Conclave '97 A Final Word

"Wow, that was the coolest weekend I've ever had." This is just one of the many comments I've had about this year's Section Conclave which was hosted by Sipp-O lodge this past June. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped make this weekend a success. Without the dedication of many of you and the attendance of many more of you, this Conclave would not have been quite so enjoyable. We would also like to specially thank people like Jeff Conley, who volunteered his magic act for the Friday evening show. There are many others who also made huge contributions, but the list is too long. Each of you know who you are, and we thank you for your continued cheerful service to our Order. I would also like to congratulate the new section officers: Ray Palmer, Section Chief; Brian Seeton, Section Vice Chief.

Thanks again,
Bart Shaffer
Conclave Chairman '97



Vigils Remember your reunion is coming on August 16. Information will be out soon.



Brotherhood

If you have been an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow for 10 months or more and have remained active in your troop and lodge, do we have an deal for you! You are eligible to seal your membership in the Order by applying for Brotherhood!

The requirements for Brotherhood are on page 52 of your Order of the Arrow Handbook. Basically, you must memorize the signs of Arrow membership (the Obligation, the Admonition, The sign of Ordeal membership and the handclasp, and if you're a good singer, the song); you should understand the parts and purposes of the Ordeal through which you passed, and you should be prepared for continuing service to your unit and to the Lodge.

To obtain your Brotherhood, you will meet with me or another Lodge officer who will "test" you on your knowledge of the Order. This is NOT another Ordeal. After the testing, you will go through the Brotherhood Ceremony and receive your Brotherhood sash. Brotherhood will be available at the Fall Ordeal. There will be a Brother available prior to each of these times if you need help preparing for the "test".

So, seal your membership, be a Brother. If you have any questions, call me at (330)-345-8154, or write me (Brandon Holman, 1573 Hickory Lane, Wooster, OH 44691) or E-mail me at branholman@aol.com.

In Brotherhood,
Brandon Holman



Long Range Plan Begins

A long range planning committee has been formed to develop a number of specific action plans to help the lodge in the future. Teams have been formed to work on the Lodge building at Seven Ranges; Indian Activities for both ceremonies and a possible dance team; Scholarship Fund; Lodge history and operating procedures. The teams will make recommendations which will be submitted to the Lodge Executive Committee for their review and either approval, rejection or modification. The original team members are some of the adult advisors. Any input or ideas please call Scott Sandrock (499-0637) or Jim Cassler (497-1440). Scout input will be needed after some of the preliminary plans have been developed. With your help, we will build on the Sipp-O tradition.



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Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

As your National Chief, I would like to challenge every Arrowman to become involved in some way with the order. If you are currently a section or lodge officer or adviser, I hope you will communicate this challenge to your members.

There are numerous Arrowmen who are still trying to find a way to become involved in the Order of the Arrow. Yes, the Trail Crew, Jamboree, and National Leadership Seminars are all excellent programs, but many members do not have the opportunity to participate in them. As leaders in the Order, we must find ways to reach every Arrowman. Just encouraging them to attend your next lodge or section event is a good start. I also know there are many committees within your lodges and sections that are always looking for input from any Arrowman who is willing to help. I challenge every Arrowman reading this article to find one member who has not been involved during the past year. Encourage this member to attend and experience a lodge, section, or national event. Remember that this Arrowman could have the experience of a lifetime or become the next great leader within the Order.

"The bigger you give, the bigger you get, we're boss at denial, but best at forget." One might wonder what exactly this quote means. Simply, the more effort you put forth; the more goals you will achieve. We all have an obligation to serve our own unit and lodge. Let us remind our fellow Arrowman of this obligation as we work together to get more members involved in our brotherhood of cheerful service.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Chris Rogers
1997 National Chief



(Chris is a Fifth year Pipestone holder)

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SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Troop # _____

Phone Number _____

1997 Dues -	\$5.00	=	\$ _____
Ordeal - _____	x\$10.00	=	\$ _____
Brotherhood at Ordeal - _____	x\$10.00	=	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$ _____

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c/o Buckeye Council, BSA
2301 13th Street N.W.,
Canton, Ohio 44708

Make Check Payable to:
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DUE: AUGUST 18

*All OA members registering with the council by mail, visit, or phone call, by the announced deadline before the event being registered for will avoid any late registering fees. The late registering fee of two dollars will be applied to the general fund. Members attending the event and registering before the deadline will pay the original pre-determined fee.



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 (330) 699-9075

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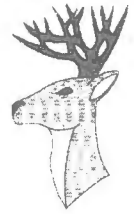
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 (330) 448-0941

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 (330) 862-2718

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 (330) 499-3026

Lodge Adviser **Jim Cassler**
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CALENDAR of EVENTS



July 23, 30 Summer
 Camp Calling Outs

August 6 Last Summer Camp Calling
 Out

August 8 Ordeal Letters Mailed

August 16 Vigil Reunion

August 18 Ordeal Reservations Due

August 22 - 24 Fall Ordeal

August 28 Executive Committee
 Meeting

September 8 Stag Articles Due

September 15 Stag Mailed

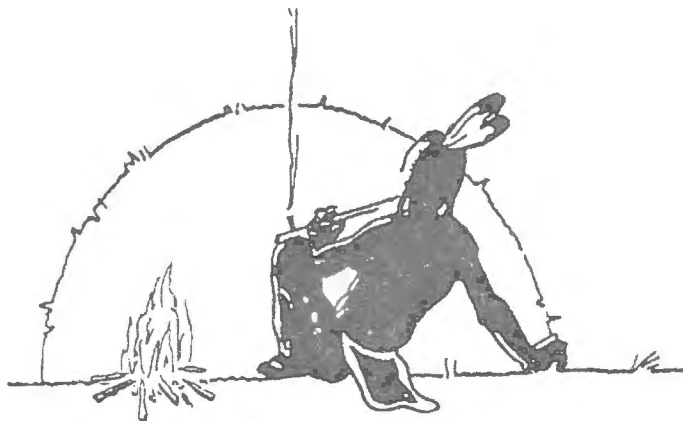
September 25 Executive Committee
 Meeting / Nominating
 Committee Meeting

October 3-4 Fall Fellowship



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