

November, 1998

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

The 1998 Winter Banquet— A Repeat Hit!

Not many Sipp-O members missed last year's Winter Banquet, but if you were one of them, be sure not to miss out this year! The Winter Banquet will be held on Friday, January 8th at the Foltz Community Center (off of Rt. 44) in East Canton. The price will be \$12.00 which will provide you with a quality meal and entertainment.

What should you expect at the Banquet? Vigil Awards and other annual recognitions will be awarded as well as a interesting guest speaker. In

addition to the entertainment there will also be a winter-themed special edition lodge flap (included with the \$12 fee), only available at the Banquet! Even more exciting will be the twenty-five (of 400) rare flaps featuring Sipp-O's Stag with a red nose. They will be randomly distributed among the others.

This will be your last notification before the Banquet, so be sure to clip and send the reservation form included with this *Stag* and send it in before January 4th!

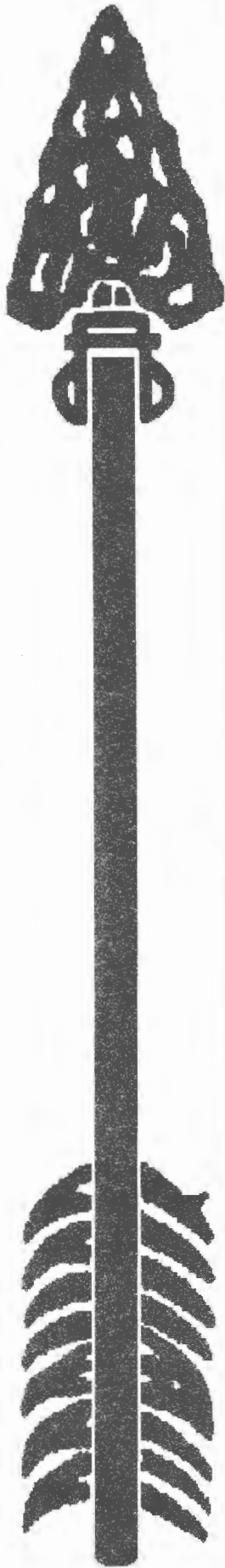
The Secretary says, "Update our files!"

Every so often, the Lodge needs to review its records to be sure they are up-to-date. This is a process we are now attempting to do, but we need the help of every Arrowman to accomplish it. On your mailing level stuck to this *Stag*, you will find your name, address, and a hand-written "code" in red ink. This can be decoded as follows: if it starts with an "O", a "B", or a "V", this mean you are an Ordeal (O), Brotherhood (B), or Vigil (V) member. If there is no letter in the code, we don't know what you are. The number after the letter refers to the last year your dues have been paid. For example, if your label has "B98" written in red, you are Brotherhood member with you dues paid through the end of 1998.

Now, this is where you come in. If anything concerning your name and address is wrong, we need to know. If

your "honor code" is wrong or not marked, we need to know. If your dues year is '98 or before, you need to pay you dues for 1999. That will cost you \$5.00 and is due by December 1, 1998. It is important that we have it by then so that we can recharter on time. It is of even more importance that we have it by then so that we show positive membership growth on our charter, enabling us to earn the Quality Lodge honor for 1998. This is done by counting dues-paid members.

Mark any changes or corrections on the reservation form on page 3, and return it to the Scout Service Center with your dues (if any) so that we can update your files. Please remember that if your dues are not paid-up, you will no longer continue to receive *The Stag*.



New Officers

In addition to the fun at the Fall Fellowship was the election of new Lodge Officers for 1998-1999.

They are:



Joe Bomba- Lodge Chief



Bart Shaffer-Administrative Vice Chief



Rick Wheeler- Activities Vice Chief



Brian Seeton- Districts Vice Chief

Jesse Leshner- Membership Secretary

Brandon Holman- Recording Secretary



Brian Lux II- Treasurer

Congratulations to all the 1998-1999 officers and chairmen!

District Elections

I think it was John F. Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Many people have used that quote to inspire people to volunteer and work for higher goals.

The district elections are this month. These elections will select the four officers who will lead the districts for the next year. These officers will be assisted by a lodge appointed youth advisor, an adult advisor, the lodge vice-chief of districts, the lodge chief, and all of the district committees. These jobs are usually the first step of an Arrowman who wants to get active in the lodge. These jobs are: District Chief (responsible for overseeing all the functions of the district, planning out meetings, and all other tasks assigned by the vice-chief of Districts), Vice Chief of Elections (responsible for scheduling and overseeing all troop O.A. elections with the help of the lodge elections committee), Vice Chief of Promotions (responsible for handling all district camp promotions with the help of the lodge promotions committee), and finally the Vice Chief of Activities (responsible for planning all the O.A.

responsibilities involving district wide events).

Why not attend your November District meeting as listed below. Run for an office or vote for a friend who is. Your attendance is important - Get Involved!

Killbuck District: Thursday the 12th - Zion Lutheran Church, Wooster 7:30 p.m.; Chief: Matt Long (330) 345-7256

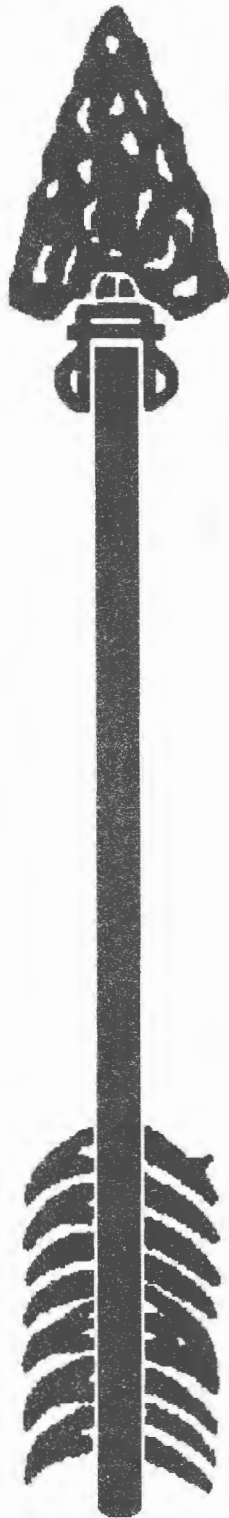
Netatowtes District: Thursday the 12th - First United Methodist Church, New Philadelphia 7:30 p.m.; Chief: Russell Graef (330) 364-5588

Sandy Beaver District: Thursday the 12th - Camp McKinley Dining Hall 7:30 p.m.; Chief: Bill Miller (330) 385-9352

Seneca District: Wednesday the 11th - Faith United Methodist Church, North Canton 7:30 p.m.; Chief: John Jeffries (330) 492-1165

Wapakonachee District: Tuesday the 10th - Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Alliance 7:00 p.m.; Chief: Ray Williams (330) 821-4964

Westark District: Wednesday the 11th - Massilon Senior Citizens Center 7:00 p.m.; Chief: Dusty Lowther (330) 854-4243



Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers,

Wow, I never knew just what I was getting myself into being elected Lodge Chief. In the few weeks since my election, I have come to realize that it will be no easy task. Phone calls, appointments, committees, finalizing the Quality Lodge requirements, and more phone calls. Many of you have gotten calls from me in the last few weeks. If you have, then you know just how crazy I sound. But no matter how much work I do, I do it because I want to. I want to make this Lodge strong, but I cannot do it without your help. Each and every member is an important part of the Lodge. Without your participation, we are not able to live up to our goals or our responsibilities. I invite every Arrowman to attend their district meeting, and help select their District Chief and Vice-Chiefs. Take the time to go and

see just what your district has to offer. The district program is designed to serve the district, which you are a part of. This allows you to get involved locally, and not take away from your troop. If we all do a small part, the Lodge will be able to do more for you and for the council.

I want to thank all of you for electing me as your Lodge Chief at the Fall Fellowship. I want to make you proud to say, "I am a member of Sipp-O Lodge." Be a part of that pride, find something in the lodge you want to do, and as Nike says, "Just do it."

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe Bomba
Lodge Chief

SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Troop # _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Order of the Arrow Honor (Circle One): **Ordeal** **Brotherhood** **Vigil**

Winter Banquet – _____ x \$12.00= \$ _____

1999 Dues – _____ x \$5.00= \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED= \$ _____

Send to:

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

Make Check Payable to:
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1998-1999 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	Joe Bomba (330) 699-7078
Administrative Vice Chief	Bart Shaffer (330) 588-8342
Activities Vice Chief	Rick Wheeler (330) 488-8268
Vice Chief of Districts	Brian Seeton (330) 672-6746
Membership Secretary	Jesse Leshner (330) 488-1536
Recording Secretary	Brandon Holman (330) 345-8154
Treasurer	Brian Lux II (330) 866-3202
Lodge Advisor	Jim Cassler Home- (330) 497-1440 Work- (330) 456-8319

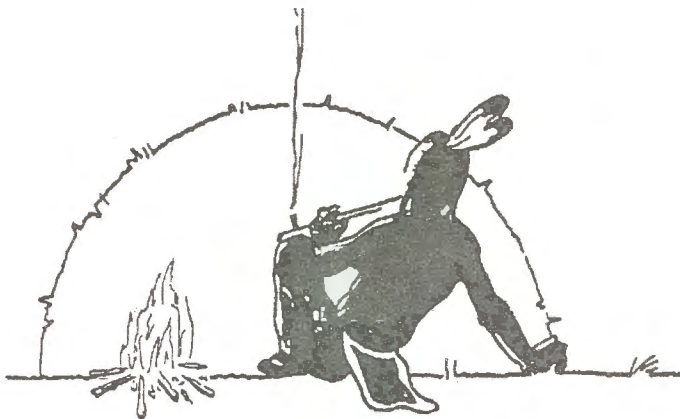
CALENDAR of EVENTS

Area Leadership Training Conference.....Nov. 13-15
Executive Committee Meeting & Training.....Nov. 21
Winter Banquet.....Jan. 8
Executive Committee Meeting.....Jan. 28

Don't forget to attend your District Roundtable!

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