

The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

The 1998 Spring Fellowship Is Just Around the Corner!

The Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp Tuscazoar on March 27-29.

What can you expect? Fun, food, and fellowship! Although we cannot disclose what kind of fun you will be having, we can assure it will be \$10.00 well spent. And we will not be short on food or fellowship either. If you plan on attending,

come fully equipped for camping (Sleeping bag, tent, eating utensils, etc) We will be staying at the Wilderness campsite. Check-in will be Friday at 6:00 PM at the stockade. Use the enclosed reservation form on page 7 and send it in by March 20. Our goal is to have 80 Arrowmen present! Please help us to reach that goal!

Remember Conclave?

Remember the blast that was had at last year's Conclave? Remember the crazy competitions, the evening show, the afternoon activities, the dunking booth, rappelling, llamas, the National and Region Chief, and Mardi Gras? Who could forget all the fun that was jammed into one weekend? Well it's happening again this year! On the Weekend of May 29, 30, and 31 our Brothers in Menawngihellia Lodge will be showing us a good time at their council camp, near Morgantown, West Virginia (car pooling will be arranged). The price is

only \$25 if you register by April 24th. After that it will be \$30. If you were one of the 120 Sipp-O lodge members to participate last year you know how cool it will be, so don't miss out on the fun this year! Send in the reservation form included on page 7 to save your spot. We have made a commitment to have 50 lodge members attend. Sipp-O Lodge is in charge of planning the Friday evening show. If you are interested in helping out call Jeremy Edwards at (330) 488-0941.

NOAC— See You There?

The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, is the second biggest Scouting event in the country. Can you imagine 7,000 Arrowmen from all over the nation coming together on a college campus for a week? It is mind boggling. There is so much to do, it is impossible to cram it into five days. There is a show almost every night, huge Pow-Wows, ceremony competitions, a Scouting Museum, a COPE course, and much more.

This is the most fun at a Scouting event you will ever have. If you have the opportunity, you must attend! The price is

\$205 for youth and \$240 dollars for adults if paid by April 24th. It is going to be held at Iowa State University from August 2nd to the 6th. This event comes only once every two years, so please don't miss out on the action! To get on the list to go, you must send the enclosed reservation form to the council office with a \$50.00 deposit. Currently Sipp-O Lodge has only been offered sixteen slots to fill, but as we get closer to NOAC we might be able to take more people, but we must maintain a 2 to 1 youth to adult ratio.



Calling Vigil Members!

It is again time for Vigil nominations. They will be held at the Spring Fellowship at Camp Tuscazoar. The Vigil meeting will be on March 28 at 4:00 PM. This event will be held in the Dining Hall. All Vigil members are encouraged to attend.

News From Indian Activities

Indian activities is looking for a few good youths for the 1998 ceremonial teams. What is required is a commitment to excellence. If you have desire to be involved, come join the team. I'm looking for ceremony members for pre-ordeal, ordeal, tap-outs, and brotherhood. Our first practice is Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 pm at

Our Lady of Peace School at 1001 39th Street NW in Canton. Two more are going to be scheduled in April. If you need directions, cannot attend and are still interested, or just need other information, please call me at: (330) 454-5644.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Rob Sick
Indian Activities

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It's That Time Again!

Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders,
It is time to recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. It is time to have an Order of the Arrow Troop Election. Do you have any Scouts in your troop who are the rank of First Class or above? Do they conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law? Have they been camping for fifteen days and nights in the out of doors, including one long term camp out? Then it is time to schedule a Troop Election. Remember the Elections only run from January 1st to May 15th so act now! It is time to recognize those Honor Campers.

So how do you schedule an Election? Have your Scoutmaster or Senior

Patrol Leader contact your District Vice Chief of Elections and set up a time, place and date.

Vice Chiefs of Elections:

Seneca: Jesse Leshner
(330) 488-1536

Wapakonachee: Greg Bauman
(330) 862-3764

Westark: Adam Tohill
(330) 854-6157

Sandy Beaver: John Rettig
(330) 426-9572

Netawotwes: Dave Watson
(330) 874-2006

Killbuck: Andy Cox
(330) 828-2368



Wapakonachee District

My fellow scouts, I'd like to thank you for voting for me. All I ask is for more of you to please show up at district meetings. We still have plenty of leadership positions. So, if you are interested, please contact me at 821-4964. We meet at Abiding Savior

Lutheran Church on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ray Williams

Westark District

Attention all Westark District Arrowmen! In case you haven't heard, we have a new district chief, Dusty Lowther. He is from Troop 915. He looks forward to a year full of events. He needs and wants your help. Please fulfill your obligation to the Order by helping out at district and lodge events. We would like to see you at our district meeting. They

are held at the Massillon Senior Citizens Center at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month (during District Roundtables). Ask your Scoutmaster for a ride if you can't drive. If you have any further questions, please contact Dusty Lowther at (330) 854-4243.



98 Winter Banquet— Another Hit!

On January 2, Sipp-O Lodge had its annual Winter Banquet at Foltz Community Center in East Canton. It was filled with food and fellowship. The Italian cuisine was exquisite. Many thanks to Troop 36 for hosting this event and the wonderful cooking. The evening entertainment was the Wapashuwi Native American Dance team. They put on a spectacular show that included the Snake Dance among several

others. They even got most of the Lodge Officers to do a circle dance. And to top it all off, all arrowmen in attendance received a limited edition gold ghost flap. If you weren't there you missed a lot of fun.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe Bomba
Administrative Vice Chief

Sipp-O Lodge's Newest Eagle Scouts

It is my pleasure to announce that three of Sipp-O Lodge's finest Arrowmen have received their Eagle Scout Awards. Congratulations to John Burkey, Matt Wiggins, and Jason Yoh. All three of these Arrowmen have served their fellow Scouts and contributed much of their time to making Sipp-O Lodge as great as it is. Please join me in congratulating these, and any other, new Eagle Scouts. If you are a new Eagle Scout, we would like to know.

Please notify: Matt Wiggins
4060 Croydon Dr., NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 493-4929
email: moffball@prodigy.com

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brian Seeton

Tired of Playing Phone Tag?

It happens to all of us, we get a phone call from someone and try to return that call and they're not there or the phone is busy. Or an article or report is due tomorrow and you can't trust your postman to get it there in time? E-mail is the answer. If you would like to add, remove, or change your email address, contact Matt Wiggins.

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Welcome Back, Sipp-O Sam!

Through the efforts of many Sipp-O lodge artists, Sipp-O Sam will be making a comeback! Jason Yoh, the Publications Committee chairman, has helped to bring Sam back with this drawing. Sam will be making future appearances courtesy of Jason, our very own Joe Bomba, and anyone else who is interested!

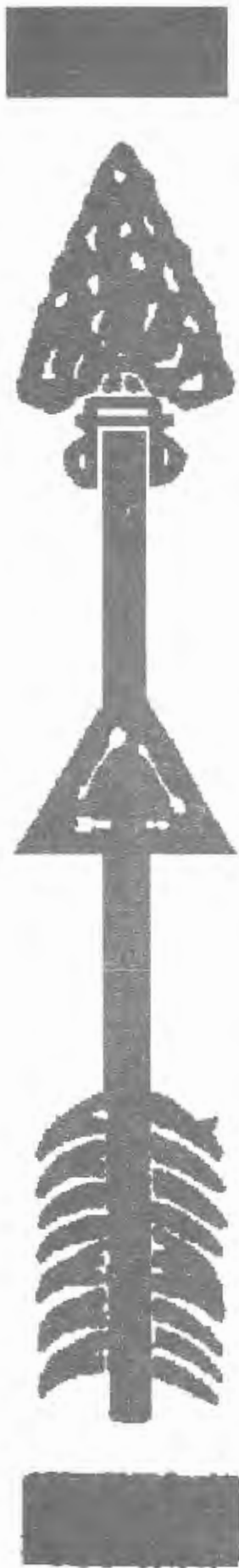


Sipp-O Sam Sez:

Be sure and visit Sipp-O's web site at:

[Http://www.imperium.com/~sippo](http://www.imperium.com/~sippo)

There you will find a copy of the Stag, *Where to Go Camping*, pictures, and much more! Contact Webmaster Dustin Wright at (330) 830-0535 if you are interested in helping with the web page!



Attention All Arrowmen!

Vigil nominations are coming up again. If you know of anyone that is deserving, please send their name to me and the reasons why they are deserving of the Vigil honor.

But, before you do that, there are a few qualifications for the Vigil honor. The nominee must have been a Brotherhood member for at least two years. He must be current in his dues and be registered in Scouting.

The Vigil honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, council, and Scouting. It is considered a high mark of distinction and recognition re-

served for those arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office.

Send your nominations to:

Michael Shollenberger
1517 Miami Ct NE
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Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Shollenberger
Vigil Chairman

Attention Ordeal Members!

If you have been an ordeal member for at least ten months you are eligible to become a Brotherhood member in the Order Of The Arrow. When you become a Brotherhood member you seal your membership in the OA. Besides having been in the OA for at least ten months here are some things you should think about before deciding to become a Brotherhood. Ask yourself if you know the signs of membership, if you have gained understanding about the Ordeal, if you have served your unit during a ten month period, what you plan for service in your lodge, and when you finally feel that you have meet the four challenges above then write a letter to the lodge secretary, Ben Parker. In this letter:

1. Explain what you think the obligation means
2. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop in your daily life

3. Describe your specific plans for giving service in you lodge program

You will be get the opportunity to become a Brotherhood member at the following dates:

- The Spring Fellowship (March 28)
- The Conclave (May 30)
- Every Wednesday at Seven Ranges
(June 17 - August 5)

If you want your Brotherhood at the Spring Fellowship, use the reservation form on page 7 and include your letter with this form.

If you have any questions at all, you can contact me at (330) 345-7161 or write me at:

Tim Fluharty
4400 Merosse Dr. #104
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Wouldn't It Be Cool If..?

Sipp-O Lodge had a dance team? Well now it's possible! You who went to the Winter Banquet saw just some of the fun a Dance Team can have. Imagine making your own outfit, learning about a different culture, going to Pow-Wows, competing against other Arrowmen at Conclave, and just having an all around good time. So where do you learn to

dance? Our Brothers from Wapashuwi Lodge are putting on an American Indian Seminar, March 20, 21, and 22 in Youngstown, Ohio. There will be sessions involving all aspects of Native American Dance, including womens' styles, regalia, singing, and etiquette. Call Bart Shaffer at (330) 588-8342 if you want more information.



District Profile

Killbuck District

During the last month Killbuck District has been very active. We have been busy conducting and scheduling unit elections. Please call Andy Cox as soon as possible at (330)828-2386 to schedule your unit's election. Killbuck District ran the knot and lashing station at this year's Klondike Derby. Also plan on attending

the next OA meeting held in conjunction with the Roundtable meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matt Long

Netawotwes District

The Neta District meetings are held at First United Methodist Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio, on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. So far we have three elections scheduled and ten left. Earlier this year we helped with

the Klondike Derby where we hosted a great campfire on Saturday evening. One of our goals is to become more active in the district and to gain new members. Interested in supporting your district? Contact Russell Graef at (330) 364-5588.

Sandy Beaver District

There are many things happening in our district. First, at the District Camp, we served our district by developing and running three stations as well as organizing the Saturday Evening Campfire. We have already done a number of elections and have many others scheduled. We also have Webelos Crossovers coming up soon so if you are interested in this or any other committee, come to our District Roundta-

ble at Camp McKinley Thursday the 12th at 7:30 and every other second Thursday thereafter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our District Chief Bill Miller at (330) 385-9352.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Adam Steele
District Promotions
Chairman

Seneca District

Hello, I am John Jeffries, the Seneca District Chief. Our elections gave these Arrowmen these positions in our district: Jessie Leshar as Vice Chief of Elections, Brian Kolp as Vice Chief of Promotions, and Dustin Wright as Vice Chief of Activities. So far this year we have participated in the Fall Camporee and the Klondike Derby. Both were great successes. Our elections are moving along smoothly as well. If you have not scheduled your election yet, please con-

tact Jessie Leshar at (330) 488-1536.

Our meetings are held at Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Plenty of positions are available as committee members or committee chairmen. If you need directions or have questions, please contact me at (330) 492-1165.

Yours in Brotherhood,
John Jeffries

Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers,

Do you know what it is like to be a member of something great? I think you should, because you are a member. Look at the Scouting Movement, over two million boys nation wide are involved in the Boy Scouts, and over 30,000 of us are bound as Brothers in this great and honored Order. As Honor Scouts we must do our part, however small, to keep this movement as great as it is. There are many ways to do that, getting involved with the Order of the Arrow is one of them. But there is another more important way to do your part: serve your unit. It is there that you can make the most difference. Your Troop needs you. In the

Order of the Arrow Handbook it says that first your duty is to your Troop, and that is where you have the most effect. Continue to set the example, take a leadership position in your troop, and teach Scouting skills. Believe it or not, in your troop you are a role model. Younger Scouts look up to you because you know how to handle yourself in the outdoors. It is only right that your first duty should be to your Troop, they are the ones who brought you up in the Scouting Movement.

In Service,
Brian Seeton
Lodge Chief

SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Troop # _____

Phone Number _____

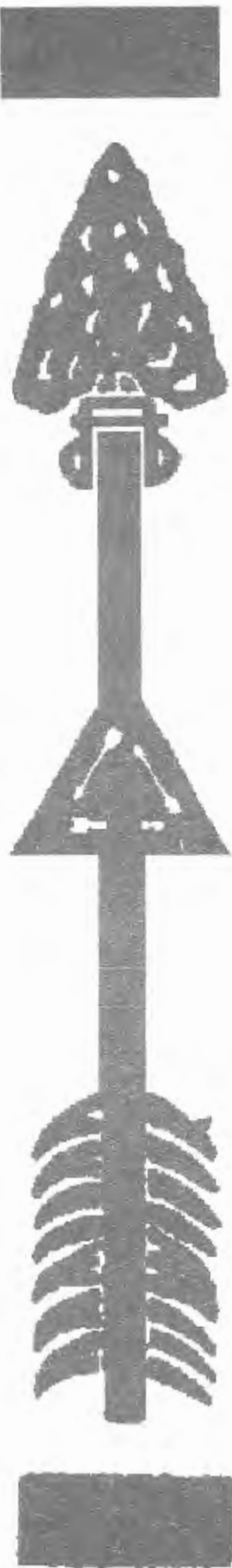
Spring Fellowship (Due March 20)	\$10.00	=	\$ _____
NOAC Reservation (Due April 24)	\$50.00	=	\$ _____
Brotherhood at Spring Fellowship	\$10.00	=	\$ _____
Conclave (Due April 24)	\$25.00	=	\$ _____
1998 Dues	\$5.00	=	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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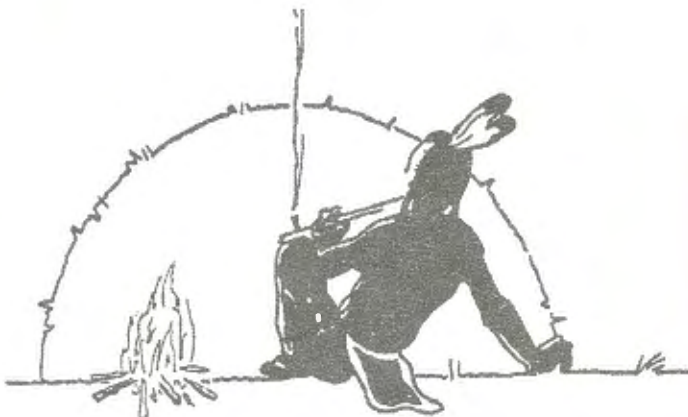
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 20	Fellowship Reservations Due
March 27-29	Spring Fellowship
April 6	Stag Articles Due
April 24	Conclave Reservations Due
May 4	Stag Articles Due
May 15	Unit Elections End
May 29-31	Section Conclave
June 5-7	Spring Ordeal
August 2-6	NOAC
August 21-23	Fall Ordeal
September 19	Vigil Reunion
October 2-4	Fall Fellowship

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