



The Stag

September, 1998

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

The War Games, Brotherhood, and You!

Couldn't find the time during the summer to earn your Brotherhood honor? Good news, you have one last chance before March of 1999: the Fall Fellowship! The Fellowship will be held on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th on Turkey Ridge at Seven Ranges. Besides the chance to be one of the 18 that will finish Sipp-O Lodge's Quality Lodge requirements, you will also be able to participate in Lodge Elections (See page #4), Fun, Food, and War Games!

War Games? Think of the possibilities when Sipp-O Lodge turns all of Seven Ranges into a Capture the Flag Game! Saturday afternoon will be spent running rampant and chasing down the other team in pursuit of their flag!

Sipp-O has been setting records all year, be sure to get involved! Be sure to bring your tent along when you check in on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to send in the reservation form (page #7) by September 28th.

Sipp-O Lodge's 40th Vigil Reunion

Sipp-O Lodge had a very special Vigil Reunion this year. It was the 40th Anniversary of our first Vigil Induction. The Vigil Reunion was held September 19th and 20th at Seven Ranges Scout

Reservation. The Vigil Committee's goal was 100 Vigil Honor members to participate. Some of the evening's program included a special pig roast and burying a time capsule at Seven Ranges.

Fall Ordeal- A Record Breaking Success

A great weather weekend prevailed for the 1998 Sipp-O Lodge Fall Ordeal at Seven Ranges. We had 54 members in attendance and inducted another 112 new members into our order. Greg Clements (Ordeal Master) kept the candidates and members busy all day with service to our camp. We put Summer Camp away for the winter and did many other much needed projects around camp.

Friday night started out with a good "character building" rain shower that soaked the candidates in short order. They woke up to a beautiful morning and cooked their hearty breakfast. Well,

most of them did, despite strike-on-box matches and wet kindling. After their day of "arduous toil" they were treated to a tasty steak dinner prepared by our team of culinary experts.

Thanks to all who helped put on this ordeal. Two of our primary reasons for our Order are service and promoting camping.

We hope to see all of our new members continue in service with the Order and come back and help at our events. We also challenge you to seal your membership in the Order by earning you Brotherhood membership as described in your OA handbook.

Attention New Members!

By Chris Sandrock

I know that I speak for all of Sipp-O Lodge when I say we welcome you with open arms. I also know that I can speak on the behalf of your Troop when I say that you truly live up to Scouting's highest Expectations. And for that, you should be proud.

After completing the Ordeal, some new members walk away with a bad taste. They think that the OA is just slave labor. OA is more than

Cheerful Service, it is also about Brotherhood and and fellowship. Believe me when I tell you that Sipp-O Lodge knows how to have fun.

The Ordeal is a symbolic weekend. In three days you learn the trials of being a leader. Everything you did had a purpose. The first few pages of the OA Handbook will explain this to you.

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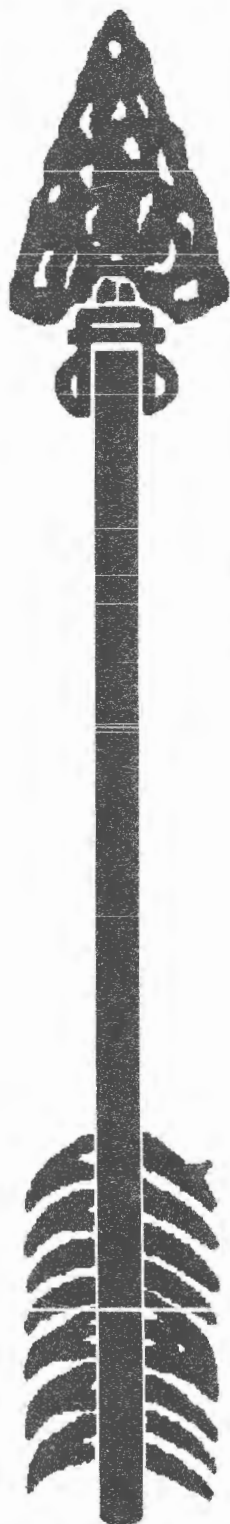
My Brothers,

I regret to inform you that I am no longer serving as your Lodge Chief. In May I was elected to be the Section Chief. According to National Policy, a person cannot hold the position of Section Chief and Lodge Chief at the same time. In August, at the Executive Committee Meeting, there were elections for the position of Interim Lodge Chief. Our then Vice Chief of Districts, Chris Sandrock, was elected to serve as your Lodge Chief until the Lodge Officer elections at the Fall Fellowship. I am confident that our Brother and my friend will lead the lodge in the right direction over the next month. Also, the Executive Committee decided to appoint me to serve as the Vice Chief of Districts until October.

It was a great honor to serve all of you as your Chief over the last two years. Nothing in my life has been so rewarding. Thank you, my Brothers, for all of the support that you have given me through the years. Together, we made Sipp-O Lodge soar to new heights. I am sure that the new Lodge Officers, elected at the Fall Fellowship, will only build

upon what my Lodge Officers over the past two years have started. I would especially like to thank my Vice Chiefs over the past two years: Joe Bomba, Rick Sick, Adam Woodruff, Rick Wheeler, and Chris Sandrock, as well as Bill Johnson, Bart Shaffer, Keith Boyer, Ken Flanagan, Jim Cassler, and the Lodge Executive Committees of 1996-98, as well as all of you who made the Spirit of Scouting come alive for me.

As Section Chief I will be overseeing the operation of the eight lodges in our Section, planning a Conclave and representing you, as well as the rest of the Section at the National Meeting in Dallas Texas this winter. I will continue to be very active in our Lodge in various support positions. I take more pride in this lodge and what this lodge has done than I have ever taken in anything. Thank you Brothers for making my experience serving you and the council the pinnacle of my life's experience thus far. If any of you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to call me. My new college phone number is (330) 672-5784.



The Next Best Thing to Being at NOAC—*The Stag Review*

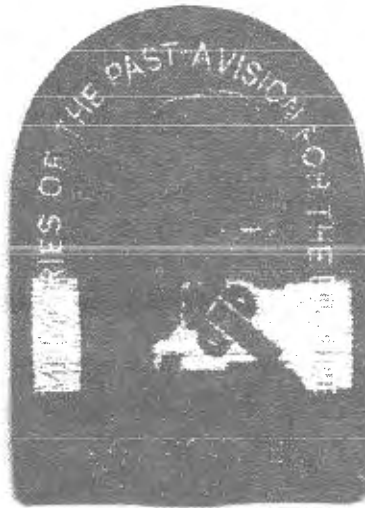
By Ken Flanagan

Rain and soggy weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the members of Sipp-O Lodge who traveled to the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference on August 2nd – 6th. This year's event was held on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and boasted the largest attendance for any NOAC with 7,161 registered participants. Arrowmen who came from most of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone enjoyed 5 days of training, TOAP, American Indian dance competitions, OA ceremony competitions, top notch professionally produced evening shows, National OA officers, and other celebrities. The theme for this year's event was "Memories of the Past – A Vision for the Future."

Sipp-O Lodge was able to have 20 Arrowmen and Advisers in attendance thanks, to some last minutes open spots with Marnoc Lodge. Thanks again, Marnoc. In attendance were Scott Sandrock, Rick Wheeler, Steve Harvey, Jeff Raker, Bill Miller, Dusty Lowther, Jim Holman, John Helm, Rob Sick, Keith Boyer, Brandon Holman, Brian Seeton, Brian Lux, Joe Bomba, Matt Flanagan, Bart Shaffer, Andy Flanagan, Ken Flanagan, and Tom Bomba. Also serving on the NOAC Staff were Chris Sandrock and Ray Palmer.

Sunday gave us some mixed weather as we arrived after a mere 12 hours of driving and an overnight stay in Davenport, IA. (except for Keith who stayed high on carrots, apples and cookies for a 10 hour marathon all night drive) Check-in for the lodge took 1 hour and 50 minutes (they said that was one of the faster ones). We settled in on the first floor of the Storms residence hall and went out to get a late lunch in "Campus Town". We ate all of our meals at the dining rooms in the residence halls where the food was not only good, but in large quantities. The Hilton Coliseum where most of the activities took place was only about a 10 minute walk away as was the Student Union. Intra Campus bus service took us to most of the events and training. Sunday night was the opening show for the NOAC with all of the usual speeches from the Na-

tional Officers, The University President and Ed Pease, our National Chairman of the OA. Each evening's show started with panning the crowd with the TV cameras and showing them on one of the giant screens behind the stage. Yes, Sipp-O made it up on the screen every time. There was an episode of Lenny Loosejocks (<http://www.loosejocks.com>), a character from an Australian Internet site, at the start of each show. Lenny became quite a hero by the end of the week. A highlight of Sunday's show is always pictures of the past OA events since the last NOAC. A Sipp-O Arrowman wearing our red "property of" shirt at the OA activities at the last National Jambo made it into those pictures.



Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday settled into the NOAC routine of morning training sessions and plenty of afternoon activities to keep everyone hopping all day. Monday night featured an outstanding Founders Show with pictures and recordings of our founder, E. Uner Goodman. Two of Dr. Goodman's children were in attendance for comments during the program. The Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the show to our very own past Region Chief, Jason Accola, and past National Chief, Chris Rogers (I guess coming to our C5A

Conclave paid off for them). Tuesday evening's Indian Show featured the top Indian dancers in the different categories and the National Champion in each was named. Our Lodge's Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal ceremony teams competed and both earned "National Merit Lodge" status. After the show was the Section meeting complete with pizza, fellowship, and appearances by the National Chief and Vice Chief. Sipp-O was looking fine in their usual decked-out attire. Yes, we do make a fashion statement.

Wednesday was special with the afternoon activities being the Founders Day Festival. It started off with a box lunch for 7,000 and the Founders Day Parade. The festival consists of the different lodges setting up booths that boast their local landmarks,

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Vigil Class of 1998

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, unit, council, or council camp. It dates back to 1915 when the Order's founder, Dr. E. Umer Goodman, became the first Vigil Honor member. The Vigil Honor cannot be earned. It is bestowed upon a Scout for giving years of unselfish service above and beyond the call of duty of their immediate responsibility. The Vigil Honor is so prestigious that Sipp-O Lodge was only allowed to grant nine Arrowmen this Honor in the whole council. Please join me in congratulating these nine Arrowmen:

Kevin Bhe: Kevin has served as the Adviser to Sandy Beaver District for the past two years, as well as being very active in many other aspects of Scouting. He is a Scoutmaster in the Sandy Beaver District

Joe Bomba: Joe is an Eagle Scout from Troop 10 in Uniontown. He has is very active with his troop, serving as the Senior Patrol Leader for many years as well as the Venture Crew Chief and Assistant Scoutmaster. He has served as the Lodge Treasurer and is currently serving his second term as the Administrative Vice Chief of Sipp-O Lodge. He has served on Summer Camp Staff for three years. He is currently attending Akron University.

Skip Eidam: Skip has been the Ranger at Camp McKinley for two years. He has also served as the Scoutmaster of the Junior Leader Training Course in 1992. Skip has walked the Appalachian Trail in

it's entirety.

Dave Fernandez: Dave has served as the Adviser to the Treasurer and the Administrative Vice Chief for many years. He is the Scoutmaster of Troop 342 in Seneca District.

Brandon Holman: Brandon has served as the Elangomat Chairman and the Brotherhood Chairman of Sipp-O Lodge. He is an Eagle Scout and a very active member of Troop 78 in Wooster.

Shane Moody: Shane is an Eagle Scout from Newtawotwes District. He has served on Summer Camp Staff for the past three years.

Rob Sick: Rob is an Eagle Scout from Troop 15 in Louisville. He has served as the Indian Activities Chairman for two years, as well as the Activities Vice Chief of Sipp-O Lodge in 1996-97. He is currently serving as the Indian Activities Chairman. He has served on Summer Camp Staff and will be attending Ohio State University this fall.

Jason Yoh: Jason has served in a variety of positions in the Lodge. Some of the most recent have been the Killbuck District Coordinator for a number of years and the Killbuck District Chief. He is currently serving as the Lodge Publications Chairman. Jason is an Eagle Scout from Wooster.

Rick Wheeler: Rick is a Life Scout from Troop 44 in Louisville. He is very active in the Order of the Arrow, serving first on the Indian Activities Committee, then serving as its chairman. He is currently serving as the Activities Vice Chief of Sipp-O Lodge.

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heritage, and best of all, food. The Pow-Wow had to be moved inside due to threatening weather, but it was still a great day. That evening's Theme Show featured our very own actor extraordinaire, Chris Sandrock. I have to say that this is one of the best Theme Shows that I have seen and Chris did an outstanding job. The Lodge can and should be proud of him. After the show was the Goodman Gala, a giant ice cream social. Fireworks and appearances by Sipp-O Man and his trusted Sipp-O Men followers capped off the evening. Where else can you see 20 super heroes in their Sipp-O Man shirts and scarlet red Fruit of the Looms protecting the innocent masses and flying around for Truth, Justice, and the Sipp-O Way?

Thursday, after packing up all of our junk, we headed out to the Closing Show. This featured speeches by the officers and was capped off by pictures and video taken during the conference. Once again, we made it into the closing show with video of Bart Shaffer wearing the "Sacred Sipp-O Helmet" and a picture of four of our us looking resplendent in our Sipp-O Man shirts at the Founder's Festival.

We all hated to see this week of fun and fellowship end, but we can now look forward to the NOAC in the year 2000 at the University of Tennessee. Start planning now to go. This is the greatest OA event that you can attend and the largest Scouting event in the US second only to the National Jamboree. See you at UT in 2000!

Attention New Members!

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deal is over, I encourage you to look for a way to learn more about the OA. Just how can you get involved? The end of the Lodge year is quickly coming to an end. In October, Officer, Chairman, and Committee positions will be available. This is the perfect time to find something you are interested in and get involved.

The next Lodge wide event is the Fall Fel-

lowship. This is not a weekend of Cheerful Service, but the other "W", Brotherhood. This is a great chance to relax with your fellow Arrowmen, and get to know hem better. This is also the time when the Lodge elects its new Officers who will serve until the next Fall Fellowship. This is the perfect chance to see another side of the Lodge and to get involved. Fill out the registration form at the back of *The Stag*, and send it in.

Lodge Elections

October is perhaps the most important time of the year for Sipp-O Lodge. It is that time where we elect who will be leading our lodge into the next year. The Lodge Officer elections will be held Saturday evening at the Fall Fellowship. There we will be electing a new Lodge Chief, Administrative Vice Chief, Activities Vice Chief, Vice Chief of Districts, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these positions call Lodge Chief Chris Sandrock (330) 499-0637 or Lodge Adviser Jim Cassler (330) 497-1440. If you are interested in running for Lodge Chief you must call Jim Cassler and schedule a meeting with our Scout Executive Jack Johnson. Here is a brief description of what each position does:

Lodge Chief: is responsible for all aspects of the Lodge. He oversees the Lodge Officers and presides over the Executive Committee Meetings.

Administrative Vice Chief: is in charge of all the committees that fall under lodge administration,

such as Camp Promotions, Brotherhood, Publications, Service, and Vigil committees.

Activities Vice Chief: is in charge of all Lodge programming such as the Winter Banquet, Ordeals, and Fellowships. He oversees the Indian Activities, Elangomat, Commissary, and Ordeal committees

Vice Chief of Districts: is in charge of overseeing all of the Districts and coordinating between them and the Lodge

Membership Secretary: is in charge of all tracking dues, mailing membership cards.

Recording Secretary: takes minutes of all Executive Committee Meetings, keeps an accurate roster of the Executive Committee.

Treasurer: keeps track of lodge monies.

All of the chairman positions mentioned above will need to be filled in October as well so come out and talk to the new Lodge Chief. Please come to the Fall Fellowship. You should have a hand in deciding who our Lodge Officers will be, as well as having a good time.

NOAC Pictures:



Sipp-O Man and his trusted Sipp-O Men Sidekicks



Sipp-O Lodge at NOAC

District Profile

Netawotwes District

Russell Graef

My Brothers,

The Netawotwes Meeting at the October Roundtable will be filled with excitement! There will be a guest speaker from either Get Away Outfitters or from the Trail Head. Food will had

for all. We will also be gearing up for our District Elections in November so come on out and get a piece of the action! If you have a question or concern, feel free to call me at (330) 364-5588.

Westark District

Dusty Lowther

Brothers,

The October Meeting will be an important one, so come out with your Scoutmaster (or get your Scoutmaster to come out) to the Westark Roundtable. We will be planning for the District Elections in

November. Also I will have planned a big bash with lots of food and a speaker about Indian Crafts. I can be contacted at (330) 854-4243 if you have any questions.

Killbuck District

Matt Long

Brothers,

At the October Meeting, held in conjunction with the Roundtables, we will be having a very important meeting, please plan to attend. We will be having a cool guest speaker and pizza. We will also be discussing

upcoming Lodge events, the District Officer Elections in November, and plans for the future of the Order of the Arrow in Killbuck district. If you have any questions, comments, or just want someone to talk to, call me at (330) 345-7256

Sandy Beaver, Wapakonachee, and Seneca Districts

Brian Seeton

My Brothers,

The Sandy Beaver, Wapakonachee, and Seneca District Meetings will be filled with fun and adventure. Please come out and see what is going on. We will try to have a guest speaker, and there will be food. So if you're an

Arrowmen young or old, come on out and see what there is to do. We will also be gearing up for the District Elections in November.

District Elections

Brian Seeton

If you have not gathered by now there will be elections for District Officers in November at the Roundtable Meetings. The positions that will be elected are District Chief, Vice Chief of Elections, Vice Chief of Promotions and Vice Chief of Activities. There also will be a plethora of Chairman positions open. If you are new in the Order of the Arrow, or looking for a way to get involved this is it! Please go to your Roundtable meetings in November to vote on who will lead the Order of the Arrow in you District into the next year. I will be at my District meeting! Here is a brief description of what each officer does. Call me at (330) 672-5784 for more information.

District Chief: is responsible for all aspects of the

Order of the Arrow in his district. Is a member of the Lodge Executive Committee and the District Camping Committee.

Vice Chief of Elections: is in charge of all troop elections in his district. He is the District Chiefs right hand man.

Vice Chief of Promotions: is in charge of promoting summer camp to every troop in his district as well as promoting Service to America to all troops and packs in the district

Vice Chief of Activities: Plans all Order of the Arrow service at District events.

The only requirements to run are that you must be a member of the Order of the Arrow, under 21 and have the ambition to serve your fellow man.

Chiefly Speaking By Chris Sandrock

My Brothers,

As summer draws to its inevitable end, we are faced with a season of change. The leaves change to encompass the full spectrum of the rainbow. The days shorten and turn chilly. Even our Lodge is changing. Brian Seeton, the Lodge Chief for the past two years, has stepped down so that he can spend the next year leading our section.

This is a major turning point for our Lodge. For the next month I will be serving as Lodge Chief to finish out Brian's term. Although we have done many things in the past year, there is still one thing that has eluded us: the Quality Lodge award.

The Quality Lodge Award is something that Sipp-O Lodge has not achieved since the 80's. Only one other Lodge in our section has qualified for this award. It takes many months of hard work and determination for a Lodge to complete the long list of requirements. Sipp-O has worked hard and has had this determination, but we have only one more empty box to check before we can turn in our form:

we need eighteen more members to earn their Brotherhood honor.

Only eighteen Brotherhood members stand between us and national recognition as one of the best lodges in the country. How does one earn his Brotherhood? First, you must be an Ordeal member for ten months. Second, you need to write a letter to the Membership Secretary and then answer a few simple questions. That's it. Earning your Brotherhood simply means that you are solidifying your membership in the Order of the Arrow. Completing the requirements is easier than earning the Scout badge.

Brothers, I implore you, take the steps to solidify your membership in the Order. By doing so you are not merely showing your commitment to the high ideals of the Order, you are helping to earn Sipp-O Lodge the recognition it deserves as one of the best lodges in not only our section and region, but as one of the best in the world.

SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Troop # _____

Phone Number _____

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

Brotherhood at Fellowship — _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

1998 Dues — _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Membership Secretary	Ben Parker (330) 488-1186
Recording Secretary	Brian Lux II (330) 866-3202
Treasurer	Andrew Flanagan (330) 862-2718
Lodge Advisor	Jim Cassler Home- (330) 497-1440 Work- (330) 456-8319

CALENDAR of EVENTS

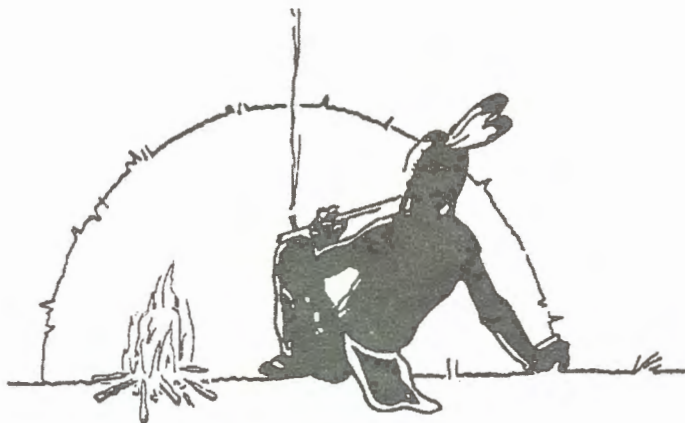
Fall Fellowship.....October 2-4

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