

# The Stag

February, 1999

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

## Better Late than Never— The 1999 Winter Banquet

Not even snowy and icy weather could stop Sipp-O Lodge's Winter Banquet from happening eventually. Those who waited were greeted with a rare prize— a special edition "winterized" Sipp-O Lodge flap. A small number of these had a highly coveted red-nosed Stag.

The guest speaker, Larry Morris entertained Sipp-O Lodge with a presentation on Native American artifacts and archaeology.

Another big part of the evening

was the installation of Lodge officers and presentation of awards. The Vigil honor went to Joe Bomba, Brandon Holman, Shane Moody, Rob Sick, Rick Wheeler, Jason Yoh, Keven Bhe, Skip Eidam, and Dave Fernandez. The

Chief's award went to

Chris Sandrock, Rick Wheeler, Brian Lux II, Joe Bomba, Ranger Bob, Jim Cassler, Ken Flanagan, Jen Hamilton, and Bart Shaffer. Bart was also the recipient of the Lodge Advisor's award.



## Spring Fellowship: Raiders of the Lost Rodman

By Jesse Leshner and Greg Bauman

Dust off your compasses and orientation skills because Sipp-O Lodge is going on a treasure hunt! But where could we possibly go that no one has scoured every inch of it? We are going to the ever mysterious Camp Rodman for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and District competition! And what a com-

petition it will be!

We will embark on this toilsome search for the Arrow on Friday, March 26. We will be gearing up for this adventure (i.e. check-in) at 6:30- 8:30 pm. After check-in and setting up camp, we will have an opening

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## Wanted: Members for the 1999 Seven Ranges Camp

Interviews are being held Feb. 21st at Buckeye Council Service Center from 1 PM to 5 PM. Please call 1-800-589-9812 to confirm an appointment. If you have any questions, or are not available on the 21st, please call to set up a phone interview. Don't wait, positions are filling fast! Where else

can you enjoy the company of fellow scouts, wander around in the great outdoors, and get paid? If this sounds too good to be true, it is! So, act now. Operators are standing by. Just dial 1-800-589-9812 and say, "I want to join the staff!"





## Officer Profile: Bart Shaffer



The subject of this month's Officer Profile is Sipp-O's Administrative Vice Chief, Bart Shaffer.

Bart has been active in Boy Scouts since 11 years old when he joined Troop 126 at Our Lady of Peace Church. Three years later he earned his Eagle Scout. In addition, he has an impressive list of Scouting accomplishments: 5th year Polar Bear, 5th year Pipestone, and 250 Days/Nights Camping Award. He has served as Quartermaster, Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Den Chief. He is currently serving as a Junior Assistant Scout Master.

Currently, Bart is an 18 year old senior at St. Thomas Aquinas High School where he is carrying a 3.8 GPA. Although he doesn't have much time for any hobbies, he manages to fit in volunteering and girls. Finally, Bart would like to share this quote with us:

*"He who serves his fellows is of his fellows greatest."*

-E. Urner Goodman

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## The OA Voyage Program By Brian Seeton

Have you heard about the OA Voyage Program? For only \$100 + transportation you could be reclaiming campsites from the wilderness, building canoe portages, and taking the voyage of your life at the Charles L. Somer's Ca-

noe Base in Ely, MN! Then you will design your own Voyage, with some of the best Arrowmen from around the country! Do not miss out on this opportunity! Send this on to all Arrowmen, ages 16-20!

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campfire full of danger, action, and suspense followed by a feast of monkey brains, live baby snakes and eyeball soup (i.e. JUNK FOOD!)

On Saturday afternoon each district will receive a different compass course (all of equal difficulty) and race against time and other districts in the compass course/scavenger hunt. Though each course there will be hidden party supplies. If your district can find all of the supplies, you will win a district pizza party. The first district to

finish the compass course will win the grand prize! For those of you who are worried about the annual football game, don't worry, there will be plenty of time for that. Following dinner, we will have an awards and closing campfire.

Reservations should be paid to the Council Service Center using the form on page 5 by Friday, March 19.

Please no phone reservations. Late fee of \$2.00 will be assessed to those received after March 19.

## The Elections Are Coming!

My Brothers,

Elections are underway from now until May 15. To make the process easier, talk to your Scoutmasters and ask them to have your troop scheduled as soon as possible. Among the many very obtainable goals Brian Seeton and I have set for all election team members are the following: keep a log of all elections and their results; have all elections scheduled by March 15th and finished by May 14th. Districts must do the following: have all election results in by May 15, no exceptions. Keep in mind when these are sent by mail, they will take several days to reach us. All adult election forms must be turned in by the troops themselves to the council office. Election teams cannot accept these forms. Election

teams, please remember you are not just representing your Lodge and yourself, but the Order of the Arrow itself! Act accordingly! In addition Camp promotions will for the first time be available for Cub Scouts. If there are any questions call the following people: Brian Seeton (Vice Chief of Districts) (330) 672-5784; Doug O'Hara (Elections Chairman) (330) 386-6425; Vice Chiefs of Elections: Malcolm Peterson (Killbuck) (330) 846-3608; Chris Smith (Netawotwes) (330) 364-8092; Amos Ludwig (Sandy Beaver) (330) 532-9350; Bob Scafate (Seneca) (330) 477-7282; Bill Frerkin (Wapakonachee) (330) 877-8545; Josh Helm (Westark) (330) 833-4272.

Yours in Brotherhood,

## From the National and Vice Chiefs

By Will Parker and Andy Oh

The Order of the Arrow is starting a nation-wide National Chief's E-mail List. This list will not be a discussion list, but rather it will be an electronic mailing list whereby from time to time, your national officers can inform you of our travels and goings-on. Subscribing is simple. To sub-

scribe, send an email message to [listserv@SCOUTER.net](mailto:listserv@SCOUTER.net) with no subject line and the following message body:

SUBSCRIBE oa-national-chief-list  
Your Name Your Lodge

After that, you will be added to our list and will automatically receive a welcome letter. Be sure to subscribe today!

## Cheerful Service in 1999

My Fellow Arrowmen,

In the OA we have the principle of Cheerful Service in Brotherhood. The service aspect will take on a new meaning to us all this coming year. This year the lodge is going to take large steps in increasing our service commitment to our lodge, council, and communities. We are currently in the planning stage; we have several goals in mind. Those include completing a service project in every district, completing a substantial service project to the community, rebuilding the parade

grounds at Seven Ranges, assisting the Seven Ranges Staff with Sunday check-in at summer camp, setting up the ceremony circles every Wednesday at camp, and helping to rebuild the lost loop of Hutch's Trail. These projects can only be accomplished with your help and commitment. If you are interested in being part of the lodges great service team for this year give me a call at (330)345-7256.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Matthew Long



## District Profile

### Killbuck District

My Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Andy Cox and I have just recently been elected to the position of Killbuck District Chief. It is my goal as Chief this year to continue and expand on the work that Matt Long, former Killbuck District, started last year. A few of those goals are to achieve 100% elections in all units as we have done over the previous two years. Other goals include being an active and productive part of all Killbuck District events. Already this year Killbuck District Arrowmen have staffed a Cub Scout lock in. In addition Killbuck

District ran a station at Killbuck Districts Klondike Derby. Our other goals are those necessary to obtain Quality District. I encourage all Killbuck District Arrowmen to attend the next Killbuck District OA meetings. They will be held in conjunction to the Killbuck District Roundtables on Thursday, February 11 and Thursday March 11, at 7:30 PM. If you have any questions please call me at (330) 828-2386.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Andy Cox  
Killbuck District Chief

### Seneca District

This is going to be a great year for Seneca District! The officers serving you this year are: Bob Scafate (Vice Chief of Elections), Wesley Flory (Vice Chief of Promotions), Mike Frank (Vice Chief of Activities); and me, Thom Bomba (District Chief). This February, our District will be running an event at the Klondike, and doing the campfire Saturday night. I ask that any Arrowman wishing to get involved would contact me at the number or e-mail address below. Not only can you

help at the Klondike, but there are many committees that need chairmen and members. Scoutmasters, please contact me to set up a date for your OA elections, and promotions for Summer Camp, and Service to America. You can reach me with questions, complaints, or suggestions at (330) 699-9075 or thomba1@juno.com.

In WWW,  
Thom Bomba  
Seneca District Chief

### Netawotwes District

Chief: Shane Moody (740) 922-1652  
Meeting Place: Zion Methodist Church  
in New Philadelphia  
Day: 2nd Thursday of every month  
Time: 7:30 PM

### Sandy Beaver District

Chief: Steve Harvey (330) 385-9131  
Meeting Place: Camp McKinley Dining Hall  
Day: 2nd Thursday of every month  
Time: 7:30 PM

### Wapakonachee District

Chief: Cory Casto (330) 821-4904  
Meeting Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Alliance  
Day: 2nd Tuesday of every month  
Time: 7:30 PM

### Westark District

Chief: Kevin Carver (330) 832-0606  
Meeting Place: Massilon Senior Center  
Day: 2nd Wednesday of every month  
Time: 7:30 PM



## Chiefly Speaking

My Fellow Arrowmen,

Once again, the winter has returned to our part of Ohio, bringing with it...snow! At first you thought, "this is great, I get a day off of school!" Then it turned into a week of snow days. Soon however, when you learned that you would have to make up some of those days during spring break or summer vacation, you started to wish you hadn't seen so much snow. This adverse weather also forced the Lodge to not have our Winter Banquet on the scheduled date. Fear not however! The Lodge did not shut down, rather we kept very busy preparing for all the great things we are doing this Lodge year.

What great things, you ask? Well, this year the Lodge plans to be even greater than the last year. Each of the Districts has a great program planned for your enjoyment. During summer camp we plan to put on a great "Leave No Trace" program, to pro-

mote the new LNT award, now available to Scouting. We haven't forgotten service either. We plan to offer assistance to troops to help them get to campsites on Sunday. More exciting than that, elections have began, where we see the new members that will join our ranks as Honor Campers. I still haven't mentioned the Indian Activities committee. There is so much we all can get involved in, one can't possibly do it all, but we can do something. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Fellowship and Ordeal.

If you ever have a concern, give me a call. I will be glad to talk to you and answer your questions.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Joe Bomba  
Sipp-O Lodge Chief

## SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Spring Fellowship- \_\_\_\_\_ x\$10.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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:**  
**Buckeye Council, BSA**

## 1998-1999 Lodge Officers

<b>Lodge Chief</b>	<b>Joe Bomba</b> (330) 699-7078
<b>Administrative Vice Chief</b>	<b>Bart Shaffer</b> (330) 588-8342
<b>Activities Vice Chief</b>	<b>Rick Wheeler</b> (330) 488-8268
<b>Vice Chief of Districts</b>	<b>Brian Seeton</b> (330) 672-6746
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	<b>Jesse Leshner</b> (330) 488-1536
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Brandon Holman</b> (330) 345-8154
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Brian Lux II</b> (330) 866-3202
<b>Lodge Advisor</b>	<b>Dave Fernandez</b> (330) 494-6685

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

District Bowl Off	March 7
Spring Fellowship reservations due	March 22
Spring Fellowship	March 26-28
Vigil Nominations	March 27
Vigil Selection	April 18th
Stag Articles Due	April 5th
Spring Ordeal	May 21-23
Section C5-A Conclave	June 4-6

**Don't forget to attend your District meeting!**

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