

The Stag

April, 2000

2000 C5-A CONCLAVE: RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER By Matt Wiggins

Spring is in the air and the thoughts of Sipp-O Arrowmen are once again looking to enjoying the sunny weather, the end of the school year, and of course, Conclave. And for this year's Conclave this is much to look forward to! Wapashuwi will be the hosting the C5-A section's conclave at Geauga County Fair Grounds (outside of Burton, Ohio). The weekend will be May 19-21. Geauga County Fair Grounds is the oldest in the state and will provide ample room for fun, fellowship, learning, and competitions. Training will be provided by Tom Andrika, the Conclave Vice Chief of Training. Activities will include a catapult competition, silk screening, a Pow Wow and

dancing/singing competition, and a giant Medieval themed party.

If you would like to participate in this year's event send in your reservation along with \$25 before May 1st to the council office. After May 1st the price is \$30. Be sure to bring a cot and a sleeping bag as well. If you wish to participate in silk screening you will need a light colored or white t-shirt. Also, if you are interested in helping to carve Sipp-O's section of the Section Totem Pole, contact Joe Bomba at (330) 699-7078. This weekend will prove to be fun for all in attendance, be sure not to miss it!

CHIEFLY SPEAKING By Joe Bomba

In January I participated in the Baden Powell Institute as a trainer. While attending and training, I found many dedicated scouters who were devoting their time to the program and learning about its many features. However, one thing that was said outside of a training program caught my ear more than anything said during the sessions. A scouter was sitting around, talking about some of the scouts in their troop, when this individual said that a scout "had OA." That struck me as odd and

rather frustrating. A portion of me wanted to turn around and correct them, and another wanted to just let it go. When someone says they "have OA" perhaps they do not realize the full meaning of the Order and our purpose. The Order of the Arrow is not something one can possess, but rather an honor that one is elected into. The Order is something that one can be a member of, but not have to themselves. As our founder, E. Urner

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SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Conclave (before May 1)- _____ x \$25.00= \$ _____

Conclave (after May 1)- _____ x \$30.00= \$ _____

Brotherhood at Conclave- _____ x \$13.00= \$ _____

2000 Dues- _____ x \$7.00= \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Send to:
Sipp-O Lodge
c/o Buckeye Council, BSA
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Canton Ohio, 44708

Make Check Payable to:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 15- Unit Elections
End

May 19-20- Section
Conclave

May 19-20- Family
Jamboree

June 2-3- Spring
Ordeal

This year will lend some changes to the adult selection process for membership in the Order of the Arrow, beginning with the adult application forms. If you have any of the old application forms please destroy them; we ask that you only use the new ones. You can request a form from your election team or pick one up at the Council Service Center.

The biggest change will be that the applicant will no longer be required to sign the application. Instead, an adult member of the lodge must recommend an adult applicant. The recommending adult need not be a member of the applicant's own unit. The adult member will be required to inform the applicant that they are committing to service to the lodge and must list the various areas of service so that they may select for themselves where they might be most useful.

Applicants will still be required to meet the minimum National requirements set forth for youth as well as adults. Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the neces-

sary function to help the Order fulfill its purposes and not for recognition of service, current or prior achievement. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge. National requirements state that one must be a member of the Boy Scouts of America and experience fifteen days and nights of camping during the two-year period prior to submitting your application for membership. The fifteen days and nights must include one long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping. Lastly, an adult can only be elected if a youth from their unit is also elected to membership.

Adult members must make it a point to make prospective candidates aware that they are not being selected for any other reason than service to the Lodge. Being accepted into membership is not to be construed as an honor for service rendered to the unit or to Scouting.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING, CONTINUED

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Goodman said, "The Order is a thing of the spirit." Let us not forget that the OA is something that one can belong to, but not have, cherish and learn in, but not possess. Lest we forget the things taught us in the Ordeal, we would lose the Order and its

purposes. So wear that sash properly and proudly. Put that patch on your right pocket flap and show others that you are a *member* of the National Honor Society of Scouting, The Order of the Arrow.

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From the Executive Committee:

We would like to apologize for the cancellation of the Spring Fellowship due to circumstances beyond our control. We work hard to provide the Lodge with quality events and it is disappointing when we cannot provide them. However we hope all of you can attend this year's C5-A Conclave. We'll see you there!



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