

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Nobody likes to talk about it, but it's a fact of life. Every December the Lodge has to collect dues for the upcoming year. And yes, it is December again! So here we go - we need \$7.00 from each and every one of you Sipp-O Lodge members to keep your membership current. What do you get for the money, you ask? Well, you get the publication, The Stag, mailed to your house at various times throughout the year. You get to participate in Lodge functions, meet great friends and have lots of fun. You get a membership card complete with the Membership Secretary's signature, and you get the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting the Order of the Arrow in your Council - all for a paltry \$7.00 investment. Now how's that for a bargain? And remember...if you are or intent to be a Lodge officer, District officer or Committee Chairman, you must have your dues paid up to date.

Those of you who received your Ordeal membership during the year 2000 automatically have your dues paid through the year 2001. Check your mailing label - it shows the year your dues are paid to. If it shows 2001 or higher - do not send any more money. All other members must send your bucks in now. Please use the payment form on page 3 when mailing to, or presenting at the Council Service Center. This assures the funds will go to the correct account.

WINTER BANQUET FAST APPROACHING

With the change of the calendar to the new year comes the annual Sipp-O Lodge Winter Banquet. This event wraps up the previous year, and kicks-off the new one in style. Past and present Lodge Officers will be recognized. Our new Vigil members will be presented with their certificates. Special commendations will also be awarded. Jeff Conley, Camp Director at Seven Ranges, will entertain us with a professional magic show and comedy routine. Anyone who has seen him knows just how good he really is.

Come and meet your new Lodge Officers! Come and stuff yourself with great food! Come and enjoy the fellowship with other Arrowmen! Come and enjoy the program! Bring family or friends! All who attend will receive a commemorative NOAC patch set.

The banquet will be held **Friday January 5, 2001 at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, 1460 State Street**, between North Canton and Artville, with Troop 10 hosting. Directions to the church follow this article. Fellowship will begin at 6:30PM, with the dinner at 7:00. The cost is \$13.00 per person, and must be paid to the Council Service Center by Tuesday, January 2, 2001. Due to the arrangements for food service, no walk-ins will be accepted - all reservations must be pre-paid. Please use the payment form on page 3 to secure your spot.

FROM I-77

1. Exit 113 - Akron/Canton Airport.
2. Turn Right (North) onto Lauby Rd.
3. Turn Right (East) onto Greensburg Rd.
4. Greensburg Rd. will become State St.
5. Follow Greensburg and State for approximately 4.5 miles.
6. St. Jacob's will be on the right.

FROM SR-43

1. Follow SR-43 (Kent Ave.) to the intersection of State St.
2. Turn West on State St
3. Travel approximately 1/3 mile.
4. St. Jacob's will be on the left.

FROM SR-44

1. Follow SR-44 (Ravenna Ave.) to the intersection of State St.
2. Turn West onto State St.
3. Travel approximately 5.25 miles.
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SIPP-O LODGE MEMBERS BLAZE NEW TRAIL

On Saturday, October 28th, The Lodge held a workday at Seven ranges for the purpose of cutting a trail to one of the new campsites being established for next summer. The new trail connects the campsite, which is just south (up the hill), from the Scoutcraft area, to Dungannon campsite. Fifteen Arrowmen spent six hours on the great day giving service to our camp. In addition to clearing the trail, Lodge members hauled in six pick-up truck loads of dirt to fill tree holes along the trail and in the campsite itself.

Since this campsite is just new, it remains unnamed. Anyone having a suggestion for a name for this site can forward it to our Lodge Chief, Greg Clements, who can present it to the Council Camping Committee for consideration. Who knows, maybe your name will be picked!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December, 2000	Dues are Due!	January 2, 2001	Winter Banquet Reservations Due
December 12 - 14	District Meetings	January 5	Annual Winter Banquet
December 28	Executive Committee Meeting	January 9 - 11	District Meetings
January 1, 2001	Unit Elections Begin	January 25	Executive Committee Meeting

INDIAN ACTIVITIES PLANNING DAY

Any youth interested in working with Indian Activities whether as a ceremonialist, a member of a setup crew, or just interested in being a member of the coolest group around, is invited to attend an IA planning day on December 16th at 2:00 pm at advisor Jim Holman's house (1573 Hickory Lane, Wooster; phone 330-345-8154; call or E-mail: holman.2@osu.edu for directions).

We'll be going over the IA costumes and equipment to see what we need to repair or replace, a "wish list" for new items, preparing our budget request and making plans for the upcoming year. Come and give us your input. If you're lucky, we'll let you try on one of the old wigs which spent last summer in the "shack" as a home for a family of small rodents.

We also have about 300 fresh deer feet which need to be magically converted into representations of our lodge totem for our next summer's calling out ceremonies. This is an activity not to be missed!

Refreshments (not including the deer feet) will be served. After the meeting, entertainment possibilities include guided tours of the dazzling Christmas light displays of metropolitan Wooster and suburbs.

MEET THE OFFICER!

For the next few issues of the Stag, we'll be running articles called "Meet the Officer" to introduce you to our newly elected officers. This month's article features our illustrious Lodge Chief, Greg Clements, and his right hand man, Brandon Holman, Administrative Vice Chief.

Greg Clements - Greg is currently a freshman at Walsh University. He has been active in the lodge for the past six years since the conferring of his ordeal. Greg ran all of our Ordeals for four years and was a elangomat at all of the rest. He received his Vigil in the fall of 1999 and is one of the few holders of the Founder's Award in our lodge. He attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference last summer in Tennessee. He is a holder of the fifth year pipestone and is an Eagle Scout. He is a Scorpio and his hobbies include such things as scouts, choir, saving lives (his job), and long walks on the beach at sunset. He also has a dog named Zada, she's sweet. Greg sends his best wishes and hopes to be a triumphant lodge chief. Party on dudes!

Brandon Holman - Brandon is a Senior at Wooster High School and is planning to attend a college to be named later. In his school, he is active as a percussionist in band and orchestra. He did a bang-up job as Elangomat and Brotherhood chairman and for two years wrote the funniest darn minutes a recording secretary has ever written. Brandon received the Vigil honor in 1998 and Brandon and Greg share the same Vigil name - Achowalogen, translated as "hard worker." Brandon is an Eagle Scout and holds the fifth year Pipestone. He is a Taurus and enjoys good quality naps, abusing adult advisors of the lodge, road trips, "hanging" at C.W.'s and drinking vanilla coke. Rock on!

PROPOSED REVISIONS

During the September meeting of the lodge executive committee a addition to the lodge by-laws was proposed and was passed by a vote of the committee. In order for this addition to become effective, it must be approved by the membership at a general meeting of the lodge following at least 2 weeks notice. This newsletter serves notice of the proposed addition which will be voted upon by the membership at the Winter Banquet.

The proposed addition reads: "A lodge member who holds an elected position as a Section officer is not eligible to hold an elected position as a lodge officer."

Argument for the by-law change: This change is to make consistent already existing rules regarding eligibility in effect in the lodge by-laws. Current by-laws state that a Section Chief may not also be a Lodge Chief, and when the District program was developed, the rule was implemented that an elected officer in the Lodge cannot also hold an elected position in his district. This new addition to the by-laws extends the existing rules so that members can hold only one elected position. This does not exclude multiple volunteer or appointed positions, such as chair of a committee, etc.

DEAR DISTRICTS,

With the new year here and unit elections just around the corner, we need the support of all of you to make the district and troop representative work. Every district has an OA meeting at their scout roundtables, so grab a ride with your roundtable representative or if you can drive, load up yourself and OA brothers and attend the District meeting. Just as the lodge needs people, so does your district - you have a District Chief who also sits on the lodge executive committee, you have a vice-chief of elections, a vice-chief of promotions, an activities vice-chief and they all need people to work with each of them to get the work done.

Netawotwes has a special treat this month: the Lodge Chief, our illustrious Greg Clements will be present to help with the District Election. All Neta OA brothers are urged to attend to meet the chief and to take part in your district election.

ROUNDTABLE DATES ARE:

Netawotwes - December 14 • Killbuck - December 14 • Sandy Beaver - December 14
Westark - December 13 • Seneca - December 13 • Wapakonachee - December 12

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Dear Fellow Arrowmen:

Welcome to the first edition of Chiefly Speaking per your new Lodge Chief. To run for Lodge Chief, one has to have a conference with the Chief Scout Executive, Jack Johnson. I was the only one to have a conference. I was the only one to run for the position. I thought that that was a little odd considering that in the past the race for Chief was usually a brutal one. As the elections proceeded, there were several other positions that were won unopposed. That saddened me. If this keeps on happening for any length of time, then there will be no one to secure OA's future. The purpose of many articles in this Stag is to get people motivated and to get people involved in the Order. If there is anything that would make you more interested in getting involved, let the Executive Committee know. We, as a committee, want your help. This is your organization too. Don't just wear the "flap." Do something.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Greg Clements
Lodge Chief



FALL FELLOWSHIP RE-CAP

On October 13, 14 and 15, Camp Buckeye played host to the most exciting activity of the year, the Sipp-O fall fellowship! The day was packed full of fun filled activities. The day started off with a great breakfast followed by our very own Sipp-O athletes showing off their mad basketball and volleyball skills. The group continued to play all sorts of fun games all day, but none quite as spectacular as the annual climactic "touch" football game. Go officers! In the afternoon most Sippites went rapelling, some chose to wander off, but a good time was had by all. The weekend continued on into the night with lodge officer elections.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS WERE:

Lodge Chief - Greg Clements • Administrative Vice Chief - Brandon Holman • Activities Vice Chief - Matt Fernandez
Vice Chief of Districts - Thom Bomba • Membership Secretary - Adam Oyer • Recording Secretary - Ross Miltner
Treasurer - Mike Fernandez

The evening drew to a close with the brotherhood ceremony. This was Joe Bomba's final performance in the OA circle after having participated in Indian activities for many years. The ceremony went quite well and featured a spectacular sideshow that brother Nuticket performed during the closing. In the morning, after breakfast had been served, the new officers were sworn in and the Arrowmen packed up in the rain which came just in time to get the tents wet and headed home. If you missed this fun-filled gathering this year, be sure to make it next year!

SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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WINTER BANQUET: Number of Persons _____ X \$13.00 Each _____

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HELP WANTED!

Every year Sipp-o Lodge goes through an overhaul where almost all of the youth leadership changes in some capacity. This means new faces need to get involved helping to run our great organization. We need help in every aspect from running a night of Indian activities to cooking food at an ordeal. We always have something to do and are always open for suggestions. We have many committees to choose from, such as publications, Indian activities, commissary and service. It is also strongly encouraged that you get involved your district. Your district holds a meeting once every month at the district roundtable. Show up and get active! If you would like to get involved or would just like some questions answered, feel free to contact any of the officers listed on the back of the Stag.

NEW YEAR, NEW ELECTIONS

It's that time again. The annual Order of the Arrow elections are just around the corner. Starting January 1, and running until May 15, the OA will be conducting it's annual elections. These elections are extremely important because this is the only way we get new brothers into the lodge. Scoutmasters should start planning a time to have elections in their troops. If you are not contacted soon (which you should be) seek out your districts Vice Chief of Elections or District Chief and schedule your troops elections. All youth members of the OA are welcome to assist in the election process of our order by being a member of the election team or the camp promotions team. The only catch is that you can't do an election for your own troop, but you are quite welcome to assist in another troop. We need all of the help we can get. Remember, if you don't have an election by May 15, no one in your troop will have the honor of being inducted in to the National Honor Society of Boy Scouts this year! So please make sure you get your reservation in soon.

SIPP-O LODGE OFFICERS • 2000 - 2001

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Activities Vice Chief - Matt Fernandez 330-494-6685 • Vice Chief of Districts - Thom Bomba 330-699-9075
Membership Secretary - Adam Oyer 330-488-1901 • Recording Secretary - Ross Miltner 330-966-4978
Treasurer - Mike Fernandez 330-494-6685

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