



# The Stag

## SPRING ORDEAL... THE PLACE TO BE

Mark your calendar for June 1 - 3, because you won't want to miss the Sipp-O Lodge Spring Ordeal. Yes, that's right - it's time to induct another gang of newly elected OA candidates along with a few left-overs from last year. Ordealmaster Greg Bauman and his committee have given the old Ordeal format a long-overdue facelift. This will include less waiting and more activities for both candidates and members, events that are well-planned and stay on schedule, and a grand celebration (aka PARTY) for Saturday evening after the Ordeal ceremony.

If you haven't been to Seven Ranges yet this year, now is your chance to see the newly renovated dining hall and OA ceremony circles. Each will be readied for summer use during the Ordeal. Elangomats are needed to guide our new candidates through the weekend. Contact Elangomat Chairman Dan Taylor if you are interested in this leadership opportunity at 330-305-9493.

The Ordeal will begin Friday, June 1 at 7:00 PM and conclude after breakfast on Sunday morning. Don't miss the excitement...don't miss the fun...don't miss the party...don't miss the Ordeal. Send your reservation to the Council Service Center along with \$12.00 by May 29th to secure your spot!

## CONCLAVE 2001

It's once again that time for the most exciting Order of the Arrow event of the year, the section C-5A conclave! This will be held at Camp Manitoc the weekend of June 8, 9 & 10. This is where all of the lodges in our section come together for a weekend of fun and fellowship. The best part is that there is no work involved! Just a lot of fun and games. This fun and exciting event will cost \$35.00 and promises to be great time. You can call the Scout Service Center or return the form included in The Stag to make your reservations. To register on-line, go to [www.marnoclabs.org](http://www.marnoclabs.org).

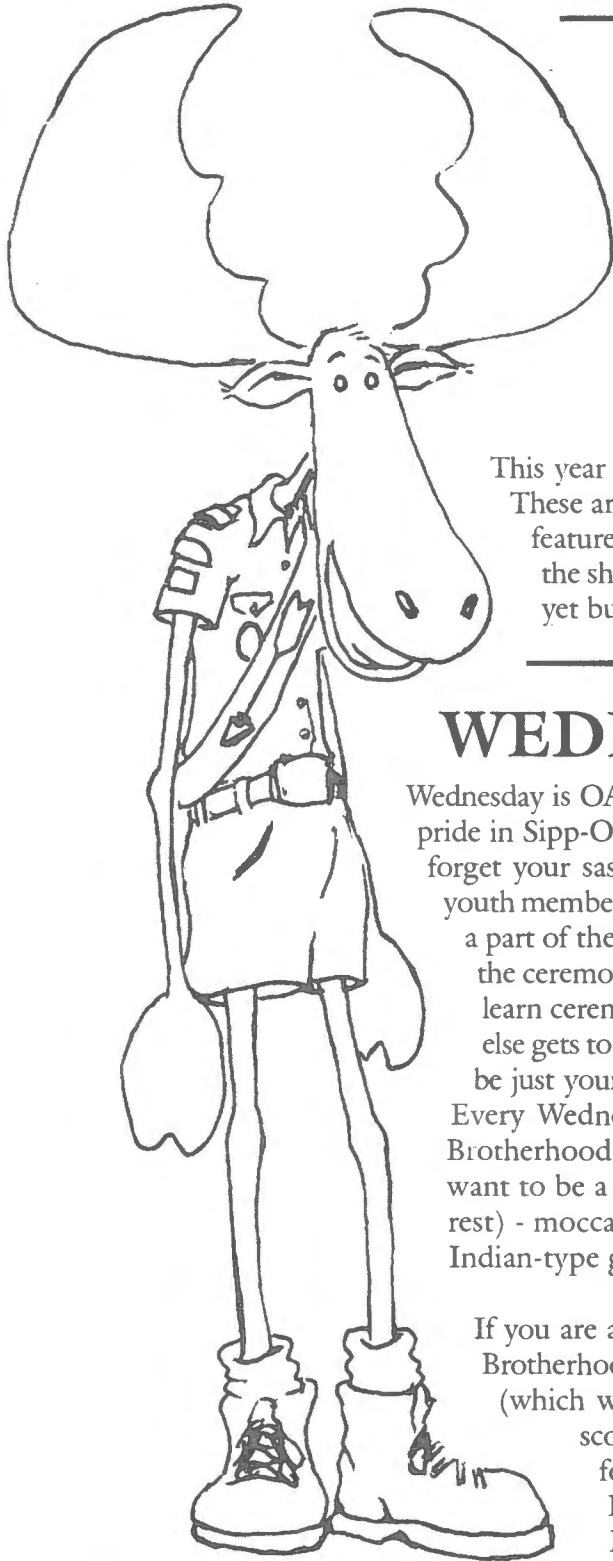
The theme for this year is "And So Tomorrow." There will be training in the morning, then games, ceremony competition and lots of other fun stuff in the afternoon. But the real fun begins after dinner when the Studio 151 disco party begins. Be sure to dress "formally" for this disco themed party. Our goal is to take 50 Sippites to the Conclave, so sign up and bring your OA friend too!

## BE A TROOP REPRESENTATIVE

Every Wednesday afternoon this summer at camp, we will be holding a training session for every OA member available. This session will be about the troop rep program, how it helps the lodge and scouting in general, pointers on how to be a troop rep, and the expectations that the lodge has of the position. After this training session those who attend will be ready to be troop reps, so even if you are not one currently it is suggested that you attend. We would also like if you are a troop rep to contact the Chief within your district so we can compile a list of the troop reps of the lodge. Don't forget to attend the Wednesday training session!

# SIPP-O LODGE BUILDS AND NAMES NEW CAMPSITE

Every year each lodge is to do a good turn project for their camp in order to earn the title of "Quality Lodge." Usually Sipp-O waits until after summer camp to decide and pull off the project. This year the Executive Committee heard that the Camping Committee needed someone to build a new campsite. We stood up to the challenge and completed it successfully. The campsite holds 20 people, that's 10 platforms that we made out of treated wood and donated to the camp. We also built a bulletin board and put up a flagpole for the brand new site. After all of our efforts, we approached the Camping Committee with a few recommendations for the name. The site was finally named "Buzzard's Beak." The site is located between the main service road and Dungannon campsite. Make sure you all walk past and check it out.



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## THE MOOSE, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND!

This year there will be a lodge t-shirt for sale at camp and at the council office. These are high quality 100% preshrunk cotton Hanes Beefy Tees. The shirt will feature the Myth of Sipp-O Lodge, Sipp-O Sam as drawn by Jason Yoh. This is the shirt to have if you are trying to be in style this summer. The price is not set yet but is estimated around \$12. Don't be left out!

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## WEDNESDAYS AT CAMP

Wednesday is OA day at Summer Camp. All OA members come prepared to show your pride in Sipp-O lodge this summer. OA T-shirts are the uniform for the day, and don't forget your sash for dinner, retreat, and the callout ceremony. And if you're an OA youth member, why just watch the call-out and Brotherhood ceremonies? Why not BE a part of the ceremonies? We need trail runners, we need brothers to help set up for the ceremonies and to clean up and take down afterwards, and we need brothers to learn ceremony parts. You'll be on the inside with the coolest group around! Who else gets to wear feathers, paint and wear loincloths in public?? And it doesn't have to be just your week in camp - we're there every Wednesday and could use your help. Every Wednesday afternoon, there will be an OA service project especially for Brotherhood candidates. Come by to help out, or just chill with your bro's. If you want to be a trailrunner, make sure to bring your own footwear (we'll supply the rest) - moccasins, boat shoes, or something similar would be fine. Even us tough Indian-type guys have sensitive feet when it comes to walking on the camp trails.

If you are an Ordeal member, consider sealing your membership by earning your Brotherhood in the Order this summer. All it takes is a little bit of knowledge (which we'll be happy to help you with), a desire to continue your service to scouting, make sure your dues are paid (we can tell you that too) and \$13 for your new Brotherhood sash. You'll get to see our newly constructed Brotherhood ceremonial circle and be inducted by our award-winning Brotherhood team. A good time will be had by all. See you at camp!

# CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Dear Fellow Arrowmen:

As you have probably read we are making the ordeals livelier and trying to stay on schedule. This is in an effort to retain the new members and get them interested in taking an active role in the OA. Just because we are targeting the new members does not mean that the only people who can benefit from the new plan is the new members. If you have been in OA for a while and have gotten out of it, I encourage you to come to camp this year and see what is going on. We will welcome you back with open arms and great memories. Hopefully we will make some new ones too.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Greg Clements  
Lodge Chief



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO BROTHERHOOD

Have you been an active member of Sipp-O lodge for 10 months? Have you continued to serve your troop since the conferring of your ordeal? If the answer of these questions is yes, it's time to seal your membership in the lodge by going for Brotherhood! This seals your membership in our lodge, and also shows your dedication to your lodge and yourself. The requirements to attain Brotherhood are very simple. You have to be a member of the lodge for 10 months, continue to serve scouting, and know a little bit about the Order of the Arrow (i.e. Obligation, admonition, sign, characters of the ceremony...) You can earn your Brotherhood at the spring or fall ordeal, any of the 8 weeks at summer camp or at the fall fellowship. The cost of Brotherhood is \$13.00. This summer we are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGING** anyone going for Brotherhood to help with a small service project on Wednesday afternoon. It's something that you'll remember and won't regret spending the money on. So come and join us by sealing your membership and becoming a Brotherhood member of Sipp-O lodge.

### SIPP-O RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

SPRING ORDEAL @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

BROTHERHOOD AT SPRING ORDEAL @ \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

CONCLAVE 2001 @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

DUES FOR YEAR 2001 @ \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO:  
SIPP-O LODGE  
c/o Buckeye Council, B.S.A.  
2301 13th Street N.W.  
Canton, Ohio 44708

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
BUCKEYE COUNCIL, B.S.A.

# CHECK OUT THE OA CIRCLES

The past few weekends have been spent with lots of strong backs and weak minds lugging cement, logs and dirt up on the hill behind Bouquet's View campsite. Why you ask? Well, it's because we've been refurbishing the Ordeal/ Brotherhood circles. We're putting all sorts of cool new props and general area improvements into place. We're putting in new permanent cement rostrums for the candles, an elevated sash holder, and a new storage area where we can keep stuff over the summer. We're also going to put enough fire up in those woods for ceremonies this year to light a runway. We've also slightly re-routed the trail leading into the circle so that many more people can see and hear the opening of the ceremonies.

Along with these circles being re-worked, we will also temporarily be relocating our call-out ceremony to the Cecil B. Moorhead Friday Ampitheatre for the summer. In order to make the ceremonies work we will have to move the fire pits, this is going to involve a lot of work, but will be worth the effort in the long run.

As always we're looking for lots of help with Indian Activities at summer camp, so come out and give us a hand and be one of the first people to participate in the new era of Sipp-O lodge ceremony sites.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Ordeal • June 1, 2, 3

Section C5A Conclave • June 8, 9, 10

Sipp-O at Summer Camp • June 20, 27 • July 4, 11, 18, 25 • August 1, 8

Fall Ordeal • August 24, 25, 26

Fall Fellowship • October 5, 6, 7

### SIPP-O LODGE OFFICERS • 2000 - 2001

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