

THE STAG

The Elogamgussit of Stipp-O Lodge #377

NOAC Last Call!!

Reservations (and your \$100 deposit) for the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference are due in the Council Office by February 22, 2002. For a fun filled week of training and fellowship at Indiana University, get your place reserved now.

Still Needed - A Few Good Men

We always can use more volunteers to fill out our Lodge committees and help with the general work of the Lodge. If you are an Arrowman and would like to help out, just let us know and we'll get you involved in the area you are most interested in.

OA Elections

Troop elections are under full swing now. If your unit has not been contacted by your district elections team for scheduling your unit election by now, contact the Lodge directly and we'll fix you up. Remember, an election must be conducted by an official OA elections team and must be held between January 1 and May 15 of this year. No exceptions. For those units wanting to nominate an adult for membership, the election teams will have the forms for this. Adult nominations are restricted to one per 50 active scouts if the unit has a youth election and at least one youth is elected.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 1 - May 15	Troop Elections
February 22	Deadline to register for NOAC
February 28	Executive Committee Meeting
March 28	Executive Committee Meeting
April 5	Stag Articles Due
April 6	Vigil Nominating Committee
May 17-19	Conclave at Camp Avery Hand



Activities Vice Chief

Ross Miltner

Ross is a Junior at Hoover High School this year. His goals for the Activities Vice Chief's office this year are to do a great job and to improve planning for events and to improve communications

He is active in his troop, has been to Philmont in 1999, ALTC and NLS. He plans to attend Northern Tier '02 and NOAC '02.

His hobbies include camping, canoeing and graphic arts. Other interests include Indian activities. He participates in tap-outs, pre-ordeals, ordeals, and brotherhood ceremonies. Ross wrote the new tap-out ceremony. He also enjoys skiing and biking.

Administrative Vice Chief

Greg Clements

Greg is a Vigil member and a past Lodge Chief, Founders' Award recipient and also served as Ordeal Master. He is currently a sophomore at Walsh College and training as an ambulance crewman. He is active in his scouting troop and enjoys patch mongering and spending time with that special girlfriend. Greg's goals for his office of Administrative Vice Chief is to do a good job.

**Dues Reminder**

If you've not paid your dues please send them into the office at your earliest convenience. A form is provided on page 5. Dues are only \$7 a year, a bargain by any measure!

Call it in the Air

Ross Miltner

“. . .But For What You Are Expected to Do.”

It's something that's always amazed me, really. But I tend to think about it more every time that unit elections roll around each year. Every single year, from January to May, our Lodge performs its far most important function: unit elections. Our dedicated Arrowmen make the journey (and it's sometimes a long one) from their homes to another street, another town, sometimes another district and another county to do a Unit's election. Everyone reading this newsletter has successfully gone through an election to become a member of the Order of the Arrow and a member of Sipp-O Lodge. You completed the ordeal and it's many tests and challenges and entered into Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. But here's what always amazes me: *what have you done since that induction?* Sure, there are some reading this who are quite active in the Lodge. They attend meetings regularly, show up at events, maybe perform ceremonies, serve as elangomats, or maybe do something as simple as be their troop's Order of the Arrow representative. But unfortunately, those people are sadly the minority. The majority of Arrowmen in our Lodge do none of those things. There are some reading this newsletter that have been a member of our Lodge for a short time, maybe only a year or even less has passed since your ordeal. *But what have you done since that induction?* This all started with your troop, really. Enough of your fellow scouts,

your troop members, thought enough of you to elect you into our brotherhood. They saw something in you that was deserving of such an honor. You met all the requirements, you earned it, you deserved it. So now why not do something with it? It doesn't take much at all to get started, and it's never too late! Sure, the OA isn't for everybody, neither is scouting, but what do you have to lose by giving it a try? Why not start out small --- attend your district meeting, they're only once a month. Maybe come to an Executive Committee meeting sometime and see how your Lodge runs. Help write for the Stag, become a chairman, become a ceramonialist, or maybe just try being a trail runner sometime. At summer camp on Wednesday, why not help us after dinner to put on a fellowship weekend, an ordeal (they're much better once you're a member), or a conclave! You'll have a good time, meet new friends, and you can always get a ride if you need one. Don't be one of those new members who only went to the ordeal for a sash and a cool flap. Be a true Arrowman, not just a member. At our ordeal ceremony, you were told by Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief, that membership in the Order of the Arrow "is not only given for what you **have** done, but **for what you are expected to do.**" There's a lot of opportunities the OA can offer you, but you have to make that first move, and it's easier than you'd think. That's it, that's all it takes. Give it a shot, just once, and at least give OA a try. Who knows, you may even wind up liking it...





Brandon Holman and Matt Long
Founders' Award Recipients

Sipp-O Lodge Winter Banquet

The 2002 Winter Banquet was held at the Foltz Community Center in East Canton with 129 brothers and friends in attendance.

Brandon Holman and Matt Long received the Founders' Award. Ross Miltner received the Advisor's Award. Many other (serious and funny) awards were handed out. Pat Masalko provided the entertainment.

Council Program Coordinator, Ron Onslow, was called out using a modification of our new calling out ceremony, and the Indian Activities team performed a short ceremony featuring the legend of our founding and then performed the normal Lodge closing ceremony.



Newest Vigil Members
Rob Lake, Scott Sandrock, Tim Aurand, Andy Flangan, Steve Blanton, Mike Schollenberger, Adam Oyer
(Not pictured Corey Casto)



OA Section Conclave

The Order of the Arrow Section C5A conclave will be held May 17-19 at Camp Avery Hand, hosted by Portage Lodge. Training, games, competitions – a full weekend of activities for Arrowmen of all ages. Cost is \$30. Look for more details in the next issue of the Stag.



A Little Humor

“I’ve lost my place in the Jones household,” lamented one cat to a neighbor cat.

“What happened?”

“The old man bought a laptop computer.”

“What part of the car causes the most accidents?”

“The nut behind the wheel!”

Members that Participated in the Tap-Out Ceremony



Ross Miltner, Brandon Holman, Brian Bailey and Mike Rutherford



Sipp-O Lodge #377 Dues Form 2002

Please mail completed form, along with your check to:

Buckeye Council, BSA
2301 13th Street, NW
Canton, Ohio 44708

Troop _____

District _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dues for Year 2002: \$7.00 _____

Nominations for The Vigil Honor

Jim Holman

The Vigil Selection Committee will be meeting soon to determine the 2002 recipients of the Vigil Honor from Sipp-O Lodge. If you know of an active Arrowman whose everyday life exemplifies the Scout Oath and Scout Law, who has performed outstanding service to the Lodge and scouting, and who has held his Brotherhood for at least two years, you may send a nominating letter to Vigil Chairman Matt Long. Nominations may also be made by any Vigil member at the nominating meeting on April 6, 2002.

If you would like to help with conducting elections, call your district chief and he'll be glad to get you involved.



A repairman came in to fix the new, giant supercomputer. After studying it for a moment, he took out a screwdriver and turned a small screw an eighth of an inch counter-clockwise. The computer started to hum. The repairman filled out a bill for three hundred dollars and handed it to the company accountant. The accountant considered that three hundred dollars was a bit much for such a simple repair and demanded that the bill be itemized.

Taking the invoice back from the accountant, the repairman wrote:

Turning screw one-eighth of an inch: \$.50

Knowing where to turn: \$299.50



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