

# The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

May 2006

## - Calling All Arrowmen -

In my Advisor's Minute at the last lodge executive committee meeting, I reminded everyone of the "Investing" of the Pre-Ordeal ceremony in which the team casts off their personal identities and assume the personas of the 4 Principals of the Ceremony. At the end of this brief exchange, Allowat Sakima announces to all: "Brothers, we are ready." As summer approaches, I rephrased that to ask: "Brothers, are we ready?" Coming up very shortly is our Spring Ordeal in which we begin inducting new members. Very shortly follows the Wednesday night calling-out and Brotherhood ceremonies, Conclave, NOAC, the Fall Ordeal, and Fall Fellowship. All of these require a lot of work and a lot of Arrowmen to conduct them successfully. Please invest yourself this summer in our activities. We need ceremonialists, ceremony assistants, and just plain workers, so please be as involved as you can be to help the Lodge achieve its best yet summer program and then our main goal for the year: Quality Lodge. During your week at summer camp, do what you can to help us. On other weeks, if you'd like to help, but need help with transportation, let us know and we'll see how we can help. We hope to see you at these events. We always have fun and have never had so many people that we couldn't use them all productively.

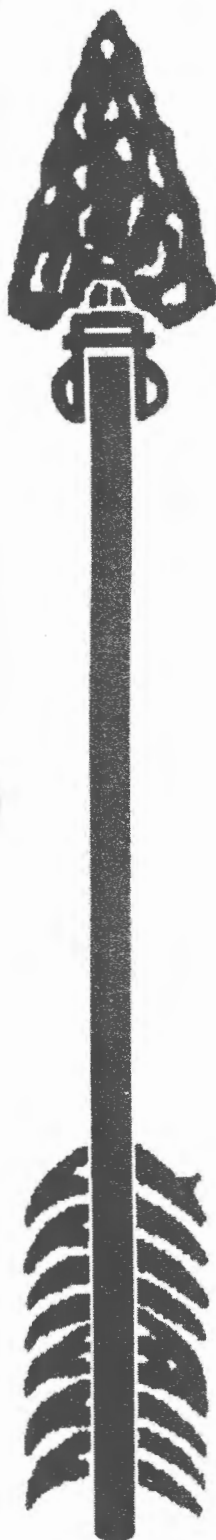
*-Jim Holman*

## - Spring Ordeal -

Sign up now to attend our Spring Ordeal at Seven Ranges June 2-4. This is our first induction of new members for the year and is important as we build our membership towards our goal of positive growth. We need people willing to work in the ceremonies either as characters or to help with preparations, Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats (friends) for the new candidates, and other Arrowmen to help the weekend go smoothly. The cost is only \$15 for food, and you know our Commissary will provide plenty of that! Come prepared for a weekend of Service and Brotherhood as we welcome our new Brothers into the Order. Plan on arriving around 7 on Friday night and leaving early Sunday morning.

## - NOAC Slots Still Available -

On July 29, until August 4<sup>th</sup> this year, roughly 8,000 Arrowmen will converge on the Michigan State University campus and participate in the biggest training, fellowship, patch-trading, entertaining, and challenging party of the year. Sipp-O has been allocated 23 slots and has only a couple of slots still available for interested Arrowmen. The cost (\$345) covers registration and participation materials, room, and meals. If you are interested, contact Jim Holman (330-345-8154, [Holman.2@osu.edu](mailto:Holman.2@osu.edu)) **immediately**. NOAC is definitely a highlight event in an Arrowman's career.



**- Brotherhood Opportunity -**

Attention Ordeal Members: your first opportunity to earn your Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow will be at our Spring Ordeal, June 2-4 at Seven Ranges. After 10 months as an Ordeal member, you are eligible to seal your membership by achieving Brotherhood. The requirements are listed in your OA Handbook, and we will provide you with a handout and help you meet the requirements. For us to achieve Quality Lodge, we must convert 30% of our Ordeal members to Brotherhood. This is a large number, and we need your help. Demonstrate your commitment to the Order of the Arrow and Sipp-O Lodge by taking this step. If you are coming to the Spring Ordeal, check the 'brotherhood' box on the reservation form. If you plan on Brotherhood at Summer Camp, make sure you contact the OA representative on camp staff before the Wednesday night ceremony. The cost is only \$15, which is for your new sash. Any questions, call our Brotherhood Chairman, Michael DeComo 330-479-1973, [texasboy72590@gmail.com](mailto:texasboy72590@gmail.com))

**- Elangomats Needed -**

Spring Ordeal is just around the corner, and we are in need of a dozen or so Elangomats to guide our new Brothers as they partake in their Ordeal. As you remember from your own Ordeal, the Elangomat is a friend to the candidate and helps guide him through his day of service and later on his path to Brotherhood. This is a wonderful opportunity for leadership and involvement within the Order. To sign up, call Clayton Smith, the Elangomat Chairman, at 330-209-1893. If you get the answering machine, leave your name and he will make sure to assign you to a clan.

**Calendar of Events**

May 19: Section C-4A Conclave

May 30: Spring Ordeal Reservations due

June 2-4: Spring Ordeal

June 21: Wednesday Callouts at 7R begin

July 29: NOAC

Aug 14: Fall Ordeal Reservations due

Aug 18-20: Fall Ordeal

Sept 9: Vigil Induction and Reunion

- Chiefly Speaking -

My Brothers,

As we approach this upcoming Summer Camp Season it is important that we all work together. When we start this season out with our Spring Ordeal I hope to see many of you coming to help induct our new brothers into our Lodge. Please remember that an Arrowman was there to help you through your Ordeal, please be in attendance to help a new candidate receive his Ordeal membership.

When our Wednesday night ceremonies begin on June 21<sup>st</sup>, we need as many Arrowmen to help perform these ceremonies as possible. Although the audience will only see four characters they do not realize that it takes 20 to 30 people to put on an effective Wednesday night program. The more Arrowmen that come to help on Wednesday nights the quicker and the better our program can run.

Also if you are an Ordeal member in Sipp-O we strongly encourage you to *Seal your Membership in the Order* by receiving your Brotherhood membership. There will be ten different opportunities for you to do this during the summer. I hope that you will take one of these times to earn your Brotherhood. I look forward to working with each of you during this Summer Camp Season.

In Brotherhood,  
Travis Gulling  
Lodge Chief

Sipp-O Lodge #377 Reservation Form

Please mail this completed form, along with your check to:

Buckeye Council, BSA  
2301 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Canton, OH 44708



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**Spring Ordeal (\$15):** \_\_\_\_\_

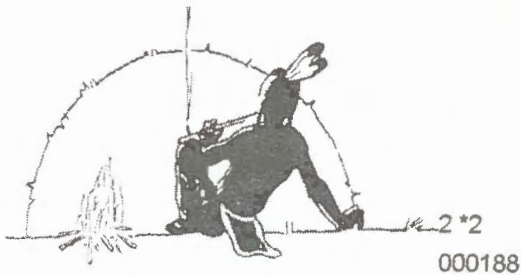
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**Dues for 2006 (\$10):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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