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A Great Way To Begin Your Arrow Year

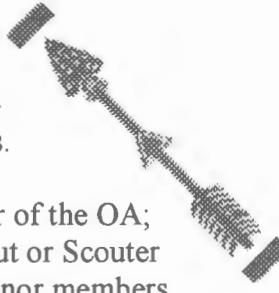
Come join us this March 23-25 for Sipp-O Lodge's Annual Spring Fellowship. This year's itinerary includes an array of new, fun activities including an expanded and even more challenging Frisbee Golf Course, a return of the Redneck Games and a GPS course. All that and much more will be offered at this year's Spring Fellowship. So come out, relax and make new friends. We will be staying at the beautiful Camp Akela at 7Ranges. The registration form for the Spring Fellowship is on the last page.

Vigil Honor Nominations



The Vigil Honor Nominating Committee will meet March 24
at 1:00 p.m. in the Deaver Admin Building at Seven Ranges.

The Vigil is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the OA; it cannot be earned through conscious effort or work. A Scout or Scouter receives this honor only when deemed worthy by the Vigil Honor members of the Lodge. To be considered for Vigil Honor you must be a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years and a dues paying member in good standing in Sipp-O Lodge.



All Vigil Honor members are invited to meet at 1:00 p.m. to elect the 2007 Vigil Class. The meeting will last approximately one half hour. All Vigil Honor members of Sipp-O Lodge should plan to attend this very important meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to nominate an individual whom you feel should be considered for the Vigil Honor, please send a letter to Travis Gulling. Your letter should include the name of the person and the reason you believe that person would be worthy of the Vigil Honor. Letters must be received by March 22.

Please send letters to:

Westminster College
Travis Gulling
Box 1579
New Wilmington, PA 16172





Elections



Attention Arrowmen! Would you like to help Scout candidates join our beloved lodge this year? Would like to help your district election team? Would you like to be more involved in the Lodge, but you're not quite sure how? Then contact your District Chief and/or attend your next District Roundtable to get more information on how you can be a part of the election process this year, and help strengthen our leadership in the Buckeye Council.

Troop Representatives

Arrowmen, have you been wondering what the OA is doing? Would you like a leadership position in your troop? Ask your Scoutmaster or District Chief about the Troop Representative program. Arrowmen are invited to all monthly District Roundtables to learn about all the activities our Lodge is planning. Your job is then to take that information back to your troop.

Brotherhood

Now is the time to seal your membership by advancing to Brotherhood status! If you are now an Arrowman, do a brotherhood work project, and pass the brotherhood test then you can become a Brotherhood member at the Spring Ordeal, any week of summer camp or Fall Ordeal. If you want the test & answer sheet or if you have any questions email Doug Krantz at bud62590@yahoo.com

Aspiring Ceremonialists

Have you ever been at Summer Camp on a Wednesday night, watching a Call-Out Ceremony and thought to yourself, "Hmmm...I want to do that." Well, here is your time to shine! By contacting Jon Reisdorf and Caleb Withers at jreido2@kent.edu or krazyfastrunner@sbcglobal.net you can be a member of the ceremony team. If you are interested in a speaking part or just want to help out, send us both a message and let us know. We look forward to your interest in participation.

Come brothers from our Circle,
The IA Boyz



Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.

Vince Lombardi

2007 Conclave

Brothers,

We are only **95 days** away from the opening show of Section Conclave 2007. This year's theme, "Safeguard this Pamphlet" will be a fantastic event as we celebrate the gathering of all ten Lodges in Section C-4A on May 18-20. Hundreds of Arrowmen will converge on Beaumont Scout Reservation near Rock Creek, Ohio, for a weekend full of great shows and activities.

The weekend begins Friday night with an opening show featuring a visit from National Chief Walter Melon, Vice Chief Dan D. Lyons, Section Chief Gene Poole and other important guests. Saturday will feature training classes ranging from "CTI: The OA and Cub Scouting" (teaching how to effectively work with "our little brothers in blue") to Ceremonial training to help Lodges improve their induction process. There will be learning opportunities for every Arrowman! On Saturday afternoon, we will have the opportunity to experience Beaumont's highly-acclaimed COPE Course. Don't forget about the Native American dance and drum activities, as well as ceremony competitions.

With an attendance goal this year of 437 Arrowmen, we will be leading the second largest conclave in the Central Region! Be a part of this event and log on to the Conclave website at <http://conclave.aa-c4a.org> to register your attendance. Be sure to bring a friend with you!

Passes for OA Events



So that we can keep better track of member attendance at the upcoming Lodge Ordeals and Fellowships, Sipp-O will be issuing each person an event pass when checking into that event. This will make it easier to get an attendance tally and an accurate head count for meals. Members will be required to wear the pass at all meals and cracker barrels. At the end of the event the passes will be turned back in and reused at the next event. All members who bought annual event passes will be issued passes to wear at each event. These passes will be the Arrowmen's to keep and will not have to be turned back in. You will have to bring it to each event and wear it at meals.

Brian Lescallet, Membership Secretary

Sipp-Oians! Get Your News Online!

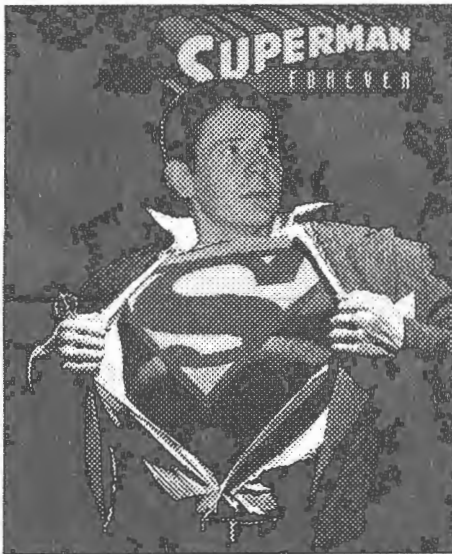
See what Ben White has been up to on the Sipp-O Lodge website:
<http://www.sipp-o.aa-c4a.org>

LLDC - Lodge Leadership Development Conference

"Be Prepared" could have been the theme for Sipp-O's Lodge Leadership Development Conference. Every session was intended to prepare present and future Lodge leaders to face the challenges of running a Scout-powered organization. The LLDC, held on January 21, included sessions on Lodge Operations, The Lodge Year, Planning, and Staging Events – everything an aspiring active Arrowmen needs to know. Guest presenters were Don Key, Al Bino, Matt Tress, Kerry Oki, and Joe Kerr. Attendance broke previous years' records and helped to meet part of the requirements for the 2007 Quality Lodge Award. Every attendee left the training conference with more information with which to do a better job.



Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers,

Thank you to all who attended the Winter Banquet, I hope it was as much fun for all of you as it was for me. I would also like to thank Dave Truax, Buckeye Council Scout Executive and our guest speaker. Mr. Truax gave us insight into the future of Buckeye Council and how important Sipp-O Lodge is to our Council's program. Now that spring is approaching, there will be many opportunities for every Arrowman to get involved with Lodge activities. The Spring Fellowship in March will be a Super time! If you are a Sipp-O Lodge member and have never been to a Fellowship you truly don't know what you are missing. Fellowships are the perfect time to come out and see what the Lodge is about and have a great time doing it!

Membership in the Order of the Arrow means nothing if you don't fully participate in Scouting *as a leader*. We Arrowmen are to be "Super Scouts" leading the way by being living examples of the Scout Oath and Law; leading the way by being active in Scouting events. Sipp-O Lodge and its members are all about *leadership* – in our troop, in our school and in our community. Please take every opportunity to gain more leadership skills through participating in training opportunities provided by our Council and our Lodge - and then take those leadership skills and put them to good use. Live the Example! See you all at the Spring Fellowship!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Wes Krigbaum
 Sipp-O Lodge Chief

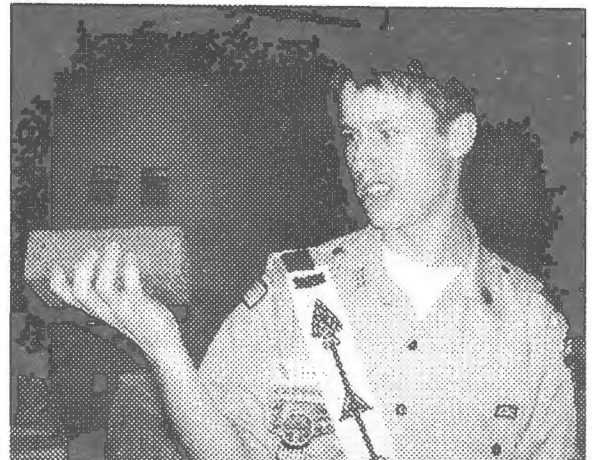
National Youth Leadership Training 2007

Do you want to learn the **secrets of great leadership**? Do you want to be a **more effective leader**? Do you want people to respect and follow you? Contact Chuck Moyer moyerc@neo.rr.com or your Scoutmaster ASAP for information about this year's NYLT course June 10 – 16. **Leadership is Learned! Don't miss this great opportunity!**

Sipp-o Lodge Winter Banquet a Smash!

A record crowd certainly smashed through a ton of chicken and rigatoni at Sipp-O's Annual Winter Bash held last January 6. Before the meal Arrowmen looked over Denver Stuffbeam's wonderful patch collection and haggled over prices at Rick Weber's Camp Staff Alumni sales table, which offered an array of wonderful Scouting items. The hors d'oeuvres table was popular and the main meal was bounteous. Chaplain Ben Miller led us in giving thanks for a truly great year in OA. Outgoing Chief Travis Gulling and past Lodge Advisor Jim Holman gave a humorous review of 2006 – and then the awards began! Most were inside jokes, like Bill Peter's "NOAC Lifetime Bus Pass,"

Steve Moore's "Lance Bass Fan Club" and Rick Weber's "Trade Patches Like A Man" awards. There were some very serious awards, too, such as Steve Moore's Founders Award and the items given to Travis Gulling and Jim Holman for their tremendous work on behalf of Sipp-O Lodge. Vigil Honor recipients Lynn Butts, Wes Krigbaum, Andy Lescallett, Brian Lescallett, Heath Manbeck, Andy Mark, Derek Moore, Jon Reisdorf, Derek Rosol, and John Zvolensky were given special recognition. Guest speaker Dave Truax explained his four-point mission as the new Council Executive. Mr. Truax's mission consists of: Fiscal Responsibility, Delivering the Promise Is What It's All About, Customer Service, and Membership Retention. The evening closed with the Chief's Comments by Wes Krigbaum, Steve Moore's Advisor's Comments and a few heart-felt words about OA's importance by Staff Advisor Jeff Pickett. If you missed last year's banquet, don't make the same mistake this coming January!



Jeremy Blanton knows why he deserves this "Brick" Award at the Banquet.



Buckeye Council Ox Roast

For 30 years one of the major events on the Buckeye Council calendar was the annual Fall Ox Roast. It was a wonderful time for Scout families and supporters of Scouting to meet old friends, have a hearty meal, be entertained and share a hay ride around the camp. The Ox Roast was a major fund raiser for the Council and an all-day, must-do event.

We are excited to announce that the Sipp-O Lodge Executive committee is exploring ways to bring back this memorable tradition. If you would like to help us in this endeavor, please Steve Moore at smoorectd@comcast.net or Wes Krigbaum at bsa127oa7r@aol.com. Many, many thanks to Judi Krew for designing the excellent new Ox Roast Logo!

"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."
Ralph Nader

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 Canton, OH 44708



Troop/Crew Number: _____

District: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Annual Event Pass Holder Attending Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship (\$15 due March 2) _____ (Acct# 1-2371-971-00)

Dues for 2007 (\$10): _____ (Acct# 1-2371-000-00)

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