

~ THE STAG ~

February 2013

Sipp-O Lodge #377

Lodge Service Project

The Lodge's first service project of the year will be held on March 9, 2013, at Camp McKinley in Lisbon, Ohio. The project start time is 9 a.m. Come and serve.



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Chairman Positions Open!

There are plenty of small ways to get involved with the Lodge. One of these includes the chairman positions that take charge of some of the Lodge's activities. If you are looking for a way to help the Lodge without having too much responsibility there are several open positions.

Publications Chairman-creates and distributes *The Stag* newsletter

Service Chairman-plans and coordinates the Lodge service projects

Troop Rep. Chairman-relays Lodge information to the Troop representatives

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Collin Appleby
Lodge Chief
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Schedule of Events

Spring Fellowship March 1-3
Service Project March 9
C-4a Conclave May 17
Spring Ordeal May 31
Fall Ordeal August 16
Vigil Reunion September 7
Fall Fellowship September 20



NOAC Legacy Project

The National Order of the Arrow has created the Legacy Project to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow at the 2015 NOAC. There are several parts to this project that every Lodge assists in. The first part of this project was to create a rock with the Lodge's name and totem on it. This rock was sent into National toward the end of 2012 to be placed in the grand fireplace at NOAC 2015. The other two parts of the Legacy Project include a painting to be done and sent to National and a history of the Lodge. We are looking for people to help in making these two things possible. The Lodge's history was started and needs to be picked up on from the 1980s. We are hoping to find someone with very good artistic abilities to do the painting.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested or can help with the Legacy Project please contact me.

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Trading Post

If you missed the new winter flap at our Banquet there are still flaps remaining. For Spring Fellowship the flap features the Dining Hall at 7R with the new addition on the side. Youth attending will receive their flap for free.

We have just 8 Kimi Milan chenilles remaining. When these sell (\$40) it sounds like we will be ordering a jacket patch to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Lodge.

There are still a few other flaps in the box while supplies last. 2013 Jamboree, last year's season flaps, buckles and shirts.

We will be open on Saturday at Fellowship!

Karl Henley



Calling All Arrowmen

We will be having our Spring Fellowship March 1-3 at Camp McKinley. The cost will be \$15 per person. This includes meals and lodging.

We will be tanning deer hides and preparing deer toe necklaces. If that's not fun enough there will also be movie watching, a Euchre tournament for all ages to win a backpatch (it's the last of its kind).

Patch trading will be a part in this event. Vigil committee will be taking nominations for Vigil at Spring Fellowship. We encourage all to attend this fun filled weekend.

Yours in service,
Brayden Quick
Sipp-O Vice Chief Of Activities
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Recent Museum Acquisitions

Thanks to Jim Strauch for sharing a collection of Stags from the 80's which have now been scanned and added to our publications page. How else would we know of Karl Henley's Ordeal, or little Davey Truax's Brotherhood ceremony. You can also read about the plans for the Sipp-O Longhouse that was planned to be built on the new Seven Ranges Scout Reservation.

A special thanks goes out to Denver Stufflebeam for the donation of the original artwork for eleven Sipp-O and Scaroyadii patches, including the Sipp-O F-1 and the Scaroyadii F-1. Shown below is the artwork for the 1993 merger patch, approximately 2 x 3 feet and the resulting patch (S-30). These will all be on display at the Fall Fellowship, September 20-22 at Seven Ranges.



All of us have a box in the closet or basement where we store scouting memorabilia – check and see if you have any old Stags or event programs you'd be willing to let us copy to share with Sipp-O brothers. We'll return everything just like we got it.





Chiefly Speaking

So far things are running somewhat smooth for the Lodge. Although we are still struggling with a lack of youth attendance at our Lodge Executive Committee meetings,

things are still getting done. A small team of OA members from the Lodge put on a training session at BPI for the Scout leaders there, they gave tips for Troop elections and Cub Pack crossovers. Following the session at BPI the Lodge also held its first Lodge Leadership Development Conference of the year and election training session at the Buckeye Council Office on February 9. On February 16 the Section Council of Chiefs was held at the Council Office, the Lodge Chiefs and Section Officers discussed plans for Conclave, May 17-19, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. The Lodge has a goal of taking 10 percent of its members to Conclave, which is about 40 Scouts. I encourage anyone who is interested in getting more involved or wants to learn more about the OA to attend this event.

Also on the topic of Conclave, there are ceremony competitions held each year during this event in which all the Lodge's ceremony teams face off. We hope to regain the title for the Brotherhood ceremony this year and need individuals for pre-ordeal to step up and take a role in playing the parts. This goes for Wednesday nights at summer camp as well. We are short on ceremonialist and need to start training new ones for the summer season.

There are several other ways you can step up and help out in the Lodge, there are still several Chairman positions to be filled, as well as Hawk ceremonialist and elengomats for the Spring and Fall Ordeals.

As I said before, we are hoping to improve the youth attendance and

involvement in the Lodge. It is one of our biggest goals of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or anyone of the Lodge Officers.

Your Friend in Service,
Collin Appleby
Sippo-O Lodge Chief
Sippo.buckeye1@gmail.com



Spring Fellowship

We are joining the modern age! Registration for the Spring Fellowship is on line.

Please join us for a great weekend of fun at Camp McKinley. Patch trading, Euchre tournament, Deer Hide tanning and preparing deer toe necklaces will be just part of the fun. Vigil nominations are due to the Chief at this event as well!

Click on this link
<http://www.buckeyecouncil.org/Event.aspx?id=223> and join us... check out the cool flap that can be purchased at the event as well.



Indian Activities Recruiting

There is still a need for new ceremonialist! With Conclave approaching, the Lodge is beginning to put together its ceremony competition teams and would like to involve new members.

Additionally, there is still the need for several ceremonialists at summer camp for Call-Out and Brotherhood ceremonies on Wednesday nights.

If you are interested please contact me or the Lodge Chief, Collin Appleby.

Jared Crum
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A Message from Our Lodge Advisor

My Brothers, (I think of Aragorn shouting encouragement to his men before battle)

Many times my writings are a report of past events or a call to be involved with future happenings. I am pleased to report that Sipp-O Lodge is moving forward with a full schedule. To find out how to be involved, check out the new OA section of the Buckeye Council website. An interesting feature is the ability to sign up for our events from your computer. Check it out, try it out and come visit with us.

However, for this article, I would like to write a message of encouragement. Please bear with me as I try to develop it to the point of usefulness. For I too have to use this advice to move forward on my path.

Here are some phrases that have deep meaning to my life, "...to keep myself physically fit, mentally awake and morally straight" and another "...even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities..." You, of course, recognize these phrases as portions of Our Scout Oath and OA Obligation. Many of us attempt to live out these ideals daily.

When we are faced with new decisions to make, these standards are there to help guide us. What standards do you use? When trying to sort something out there are so many seeming contradictions.

Here are just a few that bear thinking upon, "...hold the line but change to remain relevant,...judge the actions but never the person,...go, but first wait for direction." Some use the more recent cultural indicator of WWJD? I do not have to ask. History records His decision to serve no matter the circumstance, even to the end.

How will you serve? How will you decide? I know my answer, "as for me and

my house we will serve..." My God, my country, and myself and I would add that Scouting fits into each category.



Sometimes, when we are discouraged, it seems that the law, our traditions, our heritage and even our beliefs have let us down but please always remember that we are charged with the idea that there is something that is even above all this.....Love

Love one another,
Anthony Miller
Sipp-O lodge #377 Adviser
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Elections Update

Brothers,

Our election season is off to a great start. So far we have five elections completed and have the rest scheduled in all five of our chapters. The deadline for elections this year is May 15. On February 9, 2013, several members from multiple chapters of Sipp-O Lodge met at the Buckeye Council Office to do some training on how to conduct elections.

If your unit still needs an election scheduled please contact your District Chief or District OA Adviser immediately so that the election can be scheduled. The Council office can provide you with the contact information for these individuals.

Cheerfully Yours,
Michael R. French Jr.
Administrative Vice Chief
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W.R.C. Hawk Program



At Webelos resident camp, the camp honors program, the Hawk award, is growing in fame. Over the past two years the Order of the Arrow has run the program very well and would like to keep in on the track of success. The program can be a little shorthanded sometimes and I encourage anyone who is interested in participating in the Lodge and ceremonies to start with the Hawk Ceremony. It is a good way to get a feel for what it's like to be in an OA ceremony.

I will also mention that since it is not an official OA ceremony, you do not necessarily need to be a member of the OA to participate.

If you want to paint up and have some fun doing a relaxed native American ceremony please feel free to contact me.

Collin Appleby
Past Hawk Chairman
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Conclave Update

I hope this edition of *The Stag* finds you all in good health. I am writing to inform you about this year's Conclave. The theme of our 2013 Conclave will be Classy Country Club Conclave. It will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek, Ohio which is located outside of Cleveland. It will take place on May 17-19, 2013. The C-4A Council Chiefs met at the Buckeye Council Office to work out some details about Conclave.

Going with our Classy Country Club theme, we will be having a putt-putt golf course as well as a putting green. We are also asking all Arrowmen who attend Conclave to wear some of their craziest golf clothes. Even though this is a Classy Country Club Conclave we will also have

dodge ball, volleyball, badminton, as well as many other athletic types of activities. We are also looking to have inflatables at the Conclave to bring out the inner child in every Arrowman. Section C-4A is also exploring other avenues and possibilities for some possible activities. More information will be released once some of the finer points are worked out.

On February 16, Section C-4A launched the website for the conclave, <http://www.conclave.oa-c4a.org/>. Check out the website for more information about what is happening at Conclave. Registration is also up and running. We are pleased to announce that back by popular demand is the registration of multiple people at once.

Please check back in the next Stag for another update on Conclave.

Cheerfully yours,
Michael R. French, Jr.
Administrative Vice Chief
Special Events Conclave Vice Chief
Section C-4A



Make Your Own Moccasins

This is an opportunity to make your own Woodland Style Ceremonial Moccasins. This opportunity is limited to the first fifteen people to sign up and pay the \$25 fee for materials. You will have a choice of deer hide or elk hide. You must indicate your choice at the time of payment and registration. There will be some color variations.

This will be two sessions, six hours each. You will need to plan to be at both! They will be Saturday, April 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will need to bring a lunch both days. To sign up, contact Mark Perry by e-mail at perry517@roadrunner.com or by phone at 330-343-0058. Payment needs to be received by March 20 to insure materials will be on hand for you.

Sipp-O Reservation Form

Please mail completed form along with your check (made out to Buckeye Council) to:

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

Or call to make reservations at 330-580-4272 (Cindy ext 141)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State: _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____
District/ Chapter _____
Troop Number _____

_____ Annual Dues (\$10.00) S/L 7682

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