



# Kuskitanee Lodge 168

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## Chiefly Speaking:

Brothers,

Hello, I'm David Spink. I am your new lodge chief for the 2006/2007 term. I would like to start off by thanking all of those brothers who voted for me. Now, I have a lot of ideas on how to make this lodge have more fun and get quality lodge. But, I will need a lot of help. If you are interested in getting more involved and maybe being on the Executive Committee, just let me know. You can call me anytime at 724-898-1574 or e-mail me at [Spinker223@yahoo.com](mailto:Spinker223@yahoo.com). I would really like to hear your ideas on what you would like to see happen this year. With your help, I think we can do something that has never been done as long as I have been in the lodge, attain quality lodge. To do this, we need to retain more members and convert more people to brotherhood. So, for all of you new ordeals, I encourage you to come out and see how much fun we can have. For those of you who are eligible for brotherhood, I encourage you to seal your membership. Hopefully, I can help the EC make this one of the best years yet!

Yours in brotherhood,  
David Spink  
Lodge Chief

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## REMINDER: ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 30, 2006!

It's time once again to pay your annual lodge dues. We renew our charter in December so we would like to get all dues paid by the end of November. It will only cost you \$10 per person for dues this year. National raised their fee by one dollar per person but we will keep our fee at \$10 per person for another year. (Note: If you took your Ordeal at Big 3 this August your membership is good until the end of 2007.) You can pay your dues at Council or at the Lodge Leadership Development Weekend or the Brookie Brotherhood weekend in November. Please pay your dues as soon as possible so we will be able to complete our charter renewal in December. IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOY SCOUTS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OA. IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUTS YOU CAN NOT BE REGISTERED IN OUR LODGE.

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## Greetings from the new Lodge Adviser for Kuskitanee Lodge 168

My name is Craig Spink and I have taken over from Lloyd Haseleu as Lodge Adviser. I would like to start my article

by thanking Lloyd for his seven years of dedicated service as Lodge Adviser. It is a difficult job that consumes a lot more time than most people realize. Lloyd did an outstanding job and I hope that I can keep up the tradition of good Lodge Advisers.

Lloyd and I have been working on the transition for a year or two so there will not be huge changes taking place now that I am Lodge Adviser. I have some personal goals that I would like to see the Lodge achieve: improve communication through the Kuskitanees and the web page; improve our promotion of camping; increase member retention; increase brotherhood conversion; and try to make Quality Lodge every year. To achieve these goals I will need a lot of help from the youth and adult members of the Lodge. This Lodge belongs to all of us and we all need to help out on committees or as Advisers. For youth members, please contact your new Lodge Chief, David Spink at [spinker223@yahoo.com](mailto:spinker223@yahoo.com) to see how you can help the Lodge. For adult members, please contact me at [alchemist@wowoatam.com](mailto:alchemist@wowoatam.com) to see how you can help as an Adviser. If we have a lot of youth members on committees and a lot of adults as Advisers the workload will be small and we can do great things together.

We already do a lot of service to Council, we have a consecutive two time National Champion Northern Drum team, we have a very active dance team (that is looking for new members), we have a ceremonies team (that is looking for new members) and we have many other active committees that can use some help. Please come to the Lodge Leadership Development Weekend or the Brookie Brotherhood weekend and

sign up to help out. Prizes will be awarded to the best answers to the following questions: "We can get more people to stay involved in the OA and attend our events if we did this ..."; "We can get more people to become Brotherhood members if we did this ..."; "We can improve our promotion of camping if we did this ...".

Please come to our upcoming events and help us make a great Lodge even better!

Craig Spink  
Lodge Adviser to Kuskitanees Lodge 168

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## **Lodge Leadership Development weekend is coming September 22-24!**

Calling all Arrowmen who want to help run our Lodge! We hold our LLD weekend every year in September after we elect new Lodge youth leaders at the Big 3 weekend. We ask all youth and adults that would like to help out running the Lodge to come to Camp Bucoco and learn about the operation of the Lodge, learn useful leadership skills and get involved with the day to day running of the Lodge. If you ever watched a Lodge function and thought we could have done that better, this is your chance to speak up and tell us your ideas. We are always looking for new and innovative ideas to make things better. Please come to the LLD weekend and help us make our Lodge better! Sign up at Council by September 8 and get the Super Early-bird discount price of only \$15 for the whole weekend. Signup by September 15 and get the early-bird price of \$20 for the weekend. Show up at the door

un-announced and pay the full price of \$25 for the weekend. Come show us how to do things better and help us become a better Lodge!

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## **Help us serve the Camp Promotional dinner!**

It's time once again for the annual Council Camp Promotional dinner at Camp Bucoco. We need your help setting up and cleaning up after the dinner. The dinner will be held Saturday, September 23 at Camp Bucoco. Please arrive at 4PM to help set up and stay until we are cleaned up after dinner. We really need your help! You may have noticed that this is in the middle of the Lodge Leadership Development weekend. Come up for the whole weekend and learn how the Lodge works! See the Lodge Leadership Development article elsewhere in this issue for details.

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## **Brookie Brotherhood weekend will be held in November**

The Brookie Brotherhood weekend is November 10-12 at Camp Bucoco. Please come for the weekend and do some service, have fun with the other Lodge members and enjoy Dean's cooking! If you are eligible for Brotherhood, this is your opportunity to take the test and help us make Quality Lodge! Even if you can't stay all weekend, you can come up Saturday afternoon, take the test and complete the Ceremony Saturday evening. If you are only staying for the afternoon, please tell council. Prices will be adjusted accordingly. We are very close to making our goal for Brotherhood

conversion so please come up and take the test! We will send details in the next issue of Kuskitannee. The Brotherhood questions are on the Lodge web page at [www.kuskitannee.org](http://www.kuskitannee.org). The price is \$15 if you pre-register by October 27, \$20 if you register by November 3 and \$25 at the door. Register at Council now!

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## **RAIRIGH RAMBLINGS**

The New Lodge Year has begun. The August Big Three Weekend was pretty well attended and cheerful service brought Camp Bucoco and Camp Agawam further down the Scouting trail, preparing for the off season. David Spink has been elected Lodge Chief. Rich McCartney has appointed Craig Spink as our Lodge Advisor. On Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> a small group of leaders will gather to begin mapping out a course to Quality Lodge. We have made a sound transition into a new year and are building on the legacy of great leadership given to us by Lloyd Haseleu.

As Lodge Staff Advisor, I look forward to our attaining Quality Lodge prior to year end 2006. It will acknowledge our lodge's history and position us for a great future.

Kuskitannee Lodge 168 has a strong history of service to our council camps. Quality Lodge is recognition from the National Lodge of the Order of the Arrow which measures a number of critical items – growth in the number of lodge members; conversion of Ordeal members into brotherhood members; service in the community; service to our council; and several other strong measures. Most all of these measures have been met. Without much of a

stretch, we can make it. We're "this close," Brothers.

If you are an Ordeal member who needs to seal your brotherhood, please make it a priority to participate in the Brookie Brotherhood Weekend. We'll be here to get you through the questions and to prepare you. You'll find that the OA will become a richer, more meaningful experience when you've invested the time and grown through this phase of our life together. If you know someone who needs to catch up with OA dues, help bring him back to the campfire circle again and get those dues paid.

This summer, we saw our Lodge place first in the nation in the Northern Drum competition at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, successfully defending their 2004 National Championship. Let's continue to shine. Let's complete these last few pieces and have the excitement together of being a 2006 National Quality Lodge. Together we will be able to have a strong sense of team spirit, honorable service, and legacy-fulfilled when we turn this corner...

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## Welcome to new Ordeal brothers and Brotherhood members from the Big 3 weekend!

### New Ordeal Members:

Mark Acre	Matthew JohnTony
Kyle Anderson	Nathan Kimmel
Aidan Campbell	Michael Kozar
Corey Carnahan	Ben Lesniak
Michael Coiro	William Linnert
Patrick Coyne	Blake McCarty
Michael Domaradzki	Bob Medvitz
Cole Egbert	Robert Medvitz

Chad Gallagher	Doug Moon
Dan Gallagher	Ryan Moon
Nathan Hayden	Ryan Oakley
Blake Hedges	George Petree
Brian Hill	Tim Radermacher
Charles Hill	Evan Ratcliff
Dillon Hogg	Adam Ravotti

Collin Reynolds	Paul Trusiak
Ron Ryan	Jon Wherry
Garrett Shaw	Bill Wilver
Stephen Short	Andrew Wolfe
Neal Skibicki	Dave Wolfe
Nicholas Sorg	Korey Zimmerman
Roger Stedina	
Tyler Summerhill	

### New Brotherhood Members:

Ryan Bentkowski	Dylan Truman
Patrick Fitz	Jason Wahl
Scott Kline	Mike Widman
Zach Kline	Jordan Williams
Nathan Riech	Bradley Windhorst
Colby Slater	Michael Wolfe

If your name is not spelled correctly, please contact me at [alchemist@wowoatam.com](mailto:alchemist@wowoatam.com) and I will fix it.

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## Calendar of events

September 15-17, 2006:

National Leadership Seminar at Camp Alpine

September 22-24, 2006:

Lodge Leadership Development at Bucoco

September 23, 2006

Camp Promotional dinner at Bucoco. Setup starts at 4:00 pm.

October 22, 2006:

Executive Committee meeting at Rae's cabin

November 10-12, 2006:

Brookie Brotherhood weekend at Bucoco

January 28, 2007  
EC meeting at Council Service Center

February 3, 2007  
Lodge Banquet, location to be announced

February 23-25, 2007  
Winter Fellowship at Agawam

March 25, 2007  
EC meeting Rae's Cabin

April 21, 2007  
OA Social at Camp Bucoco

April 22, 2007  
There will not be an Executive meeting on this date like the Council Calendar indicates. The EC meeting will be at the Spring Ordeal

April 27-29, 2007  
Spring Ordeal at Agawam

May 20, 2007  
EC meeting Rae's Cabin

June 8-10, 2007  
Conclave

August 17-19, 2007  
Big 3 weekend Bucoco

September 14-16, 2007  
Lodge Leadership Development at Bucoco

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## **NOAC 2006 – You should have been there!**

Kuskitaneer Lodge brought 29 brothers to Michigan State University for the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in early August. We had great training, we saw great shows, and we had fun with the different activities like SCUBA and kayaking. We did service, we traded patches and we drank a lot of water because it was a bit hot. We had a great section gathering with Buffalo wings and pizza. We

inhaled 94 White Castle hamburgers in near world record time.

Best of all, we brought home the trophies! We took first place nationally in Northern Drum, repeating our 2004 national Championship! Congratulations go to Chris Covert, Jon Elm, Ryan English, Andrew Flugher, Ken Greene, Sean Hayden and Andy Meyer for their outstanding performance. As National Champs they got to be on stage for the final show! Jim English and Matt Kennedy did a great job as Adviser and assistant Adviser to the drum! Andy Meyer took third place nationally in Traditional Dance. All those weekends of practice paid off for our Dance Team!

All in all we had a fantastic time! The next NOAC won't be held until 2009 and they may not let us bring as many people as we did this time, so YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!

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