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A Message from your Lodge Chief

Brothers,

I hope the quality of this publication is a token to you that we are in a transition period in the lodge. The new Executive Committee is working very hard to ensure that this year can be seen as a turning point in Kuskitannee. I know that every September we say that this year is going to be different and better than the previous one, but I truly believe that this Executive Committee has the drive, patience, and devotion to cheerful service to make it happen. We have an extremely proud history, from countless hours of service, to four National Champion Drums. Brookies have a lot to be proud of! To the newly inducted Ordeal members and anyone who hasn't been around for whatever reason, I want you to understand that you are part of a proud tradition of excellence that is bigger than any individual in the lodge. (Except possibly Ranger Jim) That being said, we still have a lot of work to do. Many areas to improve as a lodge, and I want all of you to help. Our next event is Brookie Brotherhood, a fun and service filled adventure at the beautiful Camp Agawam. The theme for the weekend is Survivor, and our activities committee is sure to plan up something epic as always. The dates for the event are October 21-23. My body won't be in attendance because I am spending a semester abroad in Italy, but you can bet your Brookie Pride shorts I'll be there in spirit. Upon my return in early December I can't wait to continue serving and growing with all of you to make this year one for the ages!

Eternally yours in Service,

Samuel Beaver

Kuskitannee Lodge Chief

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

Dr. Seuss

Messages from your Friendly EC Officers

A message from your Executive/Administrative Vice Chief

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Kuskitantee Lodge, I want to thank all of you who came to Camp Bucoco for the Bucoco Open. We hope you had an enjoyable and memorable time! Additionally, I am happy to serve as your Executive/Administrative Vice Chief for the upcoming year.

For those of you who took a look at the Journey to Excellence report, you can see that our Lodge is stronger at some aspects than others. I would like to help us meet a few goal in the upcoming year. In addition to working with our new Technical Coordinator and Publication chairs, I look forward to assisting them better publicize the events. While some changes to the website have been made, I hope to have a fully operational registration program in addition to an easily accessible Lodge calendar before the end of the year!

In addition, I look forward to working on the further development of our registration process. It is clear to me that there are a few minor issues and I hope to find a resolution to the problems to make the check in process run smoother. As an elected officer and someone who genuinely loves Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or to just for fellowship! I'd love to hear your ideas, stories and suggestions for Kuskitantee! I look forward to seeing you come back again soon and please stay tuned for more updates as we develop the next Kuskita!

Yours in Scouting,

Ethan Mooney

Executive/Administrative Vice Chief

Greetings from your Program Vice Chief

Hello 168! My name is Ian Gazdacko and I am the new Program Vice Chief. I hope everyone enjoyed the Bucoco Open at Big 3, and hope you are looking forward to our next event! I know I speak on behalf of the entire Program Committee when I say that we are excited for the future activities that we have planned for the Lodge! I hope that everyone is able to make it to Brookie Brotherhood on October 21-23 at Camp Agawam, and I hope that you enjoy the festivities and fellowship we have planned.

The theme for Brookie Brotherhood will be *Survivor*! We will have the pleasure to have Ethan Mooney as our host, and those who join us for the event will be split into *tribes* who will compete for the ultimate immunity. In our *Survivor* themed weekend, we will vote people *off the island* and those *castaways* will be sent to *Redemption Island* where a new set of challenges (activities) are planned for them. The weekend will be team based as we work together to achieve one goal, as well as bond in brotherhood. Will you be the last one to survive?

Ian Gazdacko

Program Vice Chief

GO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!

Hi Everyone! My name is Noah Reynolds and I am from Troop 403. I will be the Technology Coordinator for the upcoming year. We are planning to revamp the lodge's website in addition to our social media accounts. If you have any ideas that you would like to be incorporated, please come see me! Stay tuned for further features, promotions and new account usernames.

Noah Reynolds
Technology Coordinator



Want to Join the Ceremonies Team?

Hi! My name is Tim Wilkinson and I am the Lodge Ceremony chair. I am hoping for an excellent year... with that said, I need a number of individuals to work behind the scenes to help ensure the ceremonies are set up and ready to go on time. I would also like additional volunteers to begin training for ceremony roles in case one of our current members cannot be present for an event. I am also planning to organize a number of fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money for props and new regalia. We will be holding practices at Camp Bucoco in Rae's Cabin typically the first and third Sunday of each month. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ceremonies Team, please come out and learn more about us! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email at bdt3wlk@zoominternet.net.



Tim Wilkinson
Ceremony Chairman

Do you want to be an Elangomat?

Hi my name is Charles Lisella from Troop 399, and I am the Elangomat Chairman for the 2016-2017 year for Kuskitantee Lodge. I will be coordinating with any and all members who would like to be an Elangomat. We will be having a training at Brookie Brotherhood on October 21-23 at Camp Agawam, in addition to a training at Winter Fellowship February 24-26. If you are interested in being an elangomat, please contact me. I can be reached by email at Charles@lisella.net or by phone at (724) 553-9881. I hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Yours in Brotherhood
Charles Lisella
Elangomat Chairman

Have you been an Ordeal Member for more than 10 months?

Hello Brothers, my name is John Book and I will be your Brotherhood Chairman for the 2016-2017 term. Brookie Brotherhood is right around the corner and with that comes Brotherhood testing! If you wish to contact me with any questions, please feel free to either by phone (724) 651-2306 or by email wildboo99@gmail.com. I plan to send letters to those who are eligible for Brotherhood in the middle of September, keep on the lookout! It will contain information you need to continue your OA career! I hope to see all of you for an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship and service at Agawam this Brookie Brotherhood!



Yours in Brotherhood

John Book
Brotherhood Chairman

Do you want to help sell stuff for the Trading Post?

Hello my name is Jacob Humenik and I am the current Trading Post Chairman. As you may already know, my job consists of selling you paraphernalia over the next couple of events. I look forward to seeing you at the trading post! P.S. – if you want to help out, you are more than welcome to come down to the new trading post at Brookie Brotherhood, I hope to see you there!

Jake Humenik
Trading Post Chairman

Who is ready for Conclave 2017??!!

I am Justice Rozic, an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood member from West Sunbury Troop 31. I am the new conclave chairman and I will do my best to have a successful Conclave with the other lodges in Section NE-4B. I plan to work alongside of Wagion so that it will not be a disaster. I plan to begin working on all of the tasks that I am required to do for Conclave immediately, so that procrastination will not occur. As Conclave Chairman, I would wish to have a committee of other people assist to help make Conclave 2017 one of the best our section has hosted! If you are interested in helping to plan shows for Conclave, please contact me by phone (724) 894-2898 or by email ckaug99@hotmail.com! You can help to make the 2017 a hit! Also, please put the Conclave dates on your calendar so that we can have a great time of fellowship together. Conclave is June 9th-11th.

Justice Rozic
Conclave Chairman

A message from your Elections Chairman

Dear Kuskitannee Lodge #168,

My name is Jacob Winters and I am the brand new Elections Chairman, and I will be in charge of election-related activities. This coming year, I am working very hard to ensure the election process goes as smoothly as possible. In order for that to happen, I need help from everyone in the lodge. Elections are held at troop meetings and in order to properly conduct them with every troop within the three districts, I need lots and lots of help!

Lots of Love

Jacob Winters
cell (724) 856-9475
Elections Chairman

Who wants to join the Drum and Dance Team?

Hi, my name is Dennis Peters and I am the new Drum and Dance Team Chairman for Kuskitannee Lodge. I plan on improving the drum and dance team by having two practices a month. The practices will begin in September and they will be Sunday the eleventh and Sunday the eighteenth at Rae's Cabin from one until three o'clock. The dates for October's practices will be the second and sixteenth from one to three as well. I look forward to seeing many new, interested people at our planned practices. If you are interested in joining and would like more details, feel free to contact me at (724) 783-2127.



Dennis Peters
Drum and Dance Team Chairman



Service, Service and more Service

Hello Brothers! This is John Ostrowski, your new Service Chairman. I am responsible for planning the cheerful service that our lodge participates in during our weekends. I hope to see you at Agawam for Brookie Brotherhood.

Yours in Service,

John Ostrowski
Service Chairman

A message from your Ordeal Master

My name is Garrett Hill, and I am your Ordeal Master for the 2016-2017 lodge year. I will be holding this position for a third term and I look forward to working with our new members. I will be holding fun and lively Elangomat training sessions at Brookie Brotherhood at Camp Agawam October 21-23. If you are interested in being an Elangomat, come on out for a weekend full of fun and fellowship.

WWW,

Garrett Hill
Ordeal Master



A message from your Lodge Advisor

LODGE ADVISER'S ATTESTATION – SEPT/OCTOBER 2016

As we begin a new Lodge calendar, we will be entering our 44th year as Kuskitantee Lodge in 2017! We are off to a very solid start and are continuing to further build a foundation of youth leadership. I want to thank Chief Peter Gemperle for his service to the lodge and we all wish him the best as he starts a new chapter at Penn State University, State College. His term will always be special to me as my first year as an adviser, coupled with Conclave, which is no small undertaking for anyone! For those that know Peter well, he is an outstanding young man and we look forward to seeing his future successes.

Chief Samuel Beaver was installed as our 40th Chief, and is off to a great start. The youth leadership held their Lodge Leadership Development and ended that training with lists of plans, theme ideas, back daters, and several ideas they are researching to improve the Lodge. I was very impressed with the amount of planning that was accomplished and the outcomes of that development training. As you may know, Sam had the unique opportunity to study in Italy with Duquesne University until December, and in the interim Ethan Mooney (also Section NE-4B Vice Chief) will assist in an Executive Vice Chief role. Ethan has already showed leadership at the first Lodge Executive Committee meeting and in planning of our next event, Brookie Brotherhood at Camp Agawam October 21-23 with the theme "Survivor." The Lodge Executive Committee approved the reintroduction of the "Blue Book" (a membership guide for our Lodge) and I want to thank Matt Ehret and Ethan Mooney for their hard work making that happen! The drum/dance team has also held several practices to prepare to visit our friends at Monaken Lodge and share their skills they learned as National Drum Champions. At Brookie Brotherhood, bring an extra \$5.00 to purchase a new lodge patch commemorating that legacy of championships. As you can tell, a lot is occurring for Kuskitantee!

As we begin a calendar year for Kuskitantee, I would like to offer some charges to the membership. First, elections will begin before we know it and elections is our most important task by far...we need everyone's help and support to help conduct and schedule elections. At Brookie Brotherhood we will begin to outline improved plans to accomplish our task. Secondly, the youth need the help and support of adults and advisers; they have great ideas for their Lodge and need our resources and experiences to guide those plans! Even if you do not formally advise a youth member, all adults can talk with you to share ideas and participate in that inter-generational fellowship that Scouting uniquely offers. All adults have skills they can offer each committee to help at each event, so do not hesitate to ask youth what you can do to support them. Last, as many of you know, I had the honor of serving as Lodge Chief in 1998-1999, and ended my term with the dedication on Rae's Cabin. Rae's Cabin is in need of upgraded lighting and we also need a new air conditioning unit. Youth members are devising ways to raise funds, so when asked, please give generously to support the cabin that we built with Rae. An anonymous donor has already contributed \$700.00 that was dedicated to this fund, but we have a long way to go. Let's "RAE'S" some money to benefit our lodge's signature building!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAININGS

DRUM & CEREMONY TEAM PRACTICE DATES

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
OCTOBER 2, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
OCTOBER 16, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
NOVEMBER 6, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
NOVEMBER 20, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
DECEMBER 4, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
DECEMBER 18, 2016	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
JANUARY 8, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
JANUARY 22, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
FEBRUARY 5, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
FEBRUARY 19, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
MARCH 5, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
MARCH 19, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
APRIL 2, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
APRIL 23, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
MAY 21, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO
JUNE 4, 2017	1:00 – 3:00PM	RAE'S CABIN @ CAMP BUCOCO

DRUM PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	EVENT/LOCATION:
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2016	TBD	MONAKEN POW WOW
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016	TBD	ARROW OF LIGHT @ CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WEST SUNBURY
OCTOBER 22, 2016	TBD	BROOKIE BROTHERHOOD
FEBRUARY 25, 2017	TBD	WINTER FELLOWSHIP
MAY 6, 2017	TBD	SPRING ORDEAL
JUNE 21, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO
JUNE 25, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO
JULY 5, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO
JULY 12, 2017	6:00PM	CAMP BUCOCO

ELECTION TRAINING

DATE:	TIME:	EVENT/LOCATION:
OCTOBER 22, 2016	TBD	BROOKIE BROTHERHOOD/ AGAWAM
FEBRUARY 25, 2016	TBD	WINTER FELLOWSHIP/ AGAWAM

ELANGOMAT TRAINING

DATE:	TIME:	EVENT/LOCATION:
OCTOBER 22, 2016	TBD	BROOKIE BROTHERHOOD/ AGAWAM
FEBRUARY 25, 2016	TBD	WINTER FELLOWSHIP/ AGAWAM

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS

- **Brookie Brotherhood-** October 21-23 at Camp Agawam
 - Please register this week to the Council office
 - Costs \$20 for the weekend or \$38 if you are taking your brotherhood
- **The Lodge Banquet-** January 14 at First Baptist Church
 - More information will follow
- **Winter Fellowship-** February 24-26 at Camp Agawam

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