



Kuskita



December 2005

A Message from the Chief

Hello Brook Trout!

The Brookie Brotherhood Weekend was a great success. The festivities included fun, games, service, and the best turkey dinner ever prepared by Dean. The annual Lodge Banquet is just around the corner, so invite your family up for a night of food, awards, and fellowship. Winter Fellowship quickly follows the banquet with the annual Frozen Fishbowl for the coveted Fish bowl prize.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Dan Pollock

E.C. Members Needed

Would you, *yes you*, like to be a member of the Executive committee? You could help run the lodge while having fun, but only when you're on the EC! Right now, I need people to help me in the Program Committee. As I type this letter to you, the Camp Promotions chairman position is vacant and it needs to be filled! If you are interested (which you are), then you can call me or drop me an e-mail.

Thanks and Merry Christmas,
Patrick Wilver
Program Vice-Chief

Lodge Banquet

The Annual Lodge Family Banquet is just around the corner. It will be held February 4 at the First Baptist Church in Kittanning. Directions can be found elsewhere in this issue. Registration starts at 5PM, dinner is at 6PM. Expect the same great food, fun, and fellowship that you have had in the past. Family is welcome, so bring the whole family for a night of fun, games, awards, and great food. The banquet will cost ten dollars per person for the first three people in your family, after that it will be five dollars a person. So bring lots of people and save lots of money. Bring the whole family! Registration will conclude on the 28th of January. Did I mention you can bring your whole family?

Sign up Now for the Winter Fellowship and Save

For any of you that don't yet know, the lodge payment policy for events has been changed. The cut-off dates are the same as the last system, but the pricing is different. Miss the last cut off date, and you pay full price for the event. For every cut-off date that you register by, then you will receive a *discount!* For example I will use the Winter Fellowship weekend that will be held February 24-26, 2006 as an example. The regular price for the weekend is \$25.00, but if you register by February 17, 2006 you would receive a five-dollar discount (the weekend will cost you only \$20.00). If you register by February 10, 2006 you will get a \$10.00 discount so the weekend will only cost you \$15.00! If you don't understand all of this, all you will ever need to know is to sign up early for an event to pay less! What fun!

Time to sign up for Conclave!

Conclave is an annual gathering of the seven lodges in our section. It is a great time to meet people from other lodges, trade patches, compete in dance and ceremony competitions and generally have a great time. This year our section conclave will be held June 9-11 at Camp Potomac. The cost will be around \$35 per person. We have between 45 and 60 slots available. Camp Potomac can only hold 275 people so sign up now to guarantee we get all the slots we want! It sounds like we will have a great program this year so don't miss out on the fun!

Don't forget to pay your dues!

Please pay your dues as soon as possible. We need to renew our charter in December and we need you to pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$10 per person until February 4. After February 4 they are \$12 per person. Pay now to avoid the late fee. We have an exciting year ahead of us and you need to have your dues paid in order to participate. You can pay your dues at Council or at the Lodge Banquet.

King Beaver District Vice Chief

Hi, my name is Shawn Shaffer. I am the new District Vice Chief for King Beaver District. I look forward to a great year of elections and working with all of the Scoutmasters. I would appreciate it if the scoutmasters could send me their contact information to help make the election season less stressful.

Sincerely,
Shawn Shaffer
King Beaver DVC

Service, Service, and More Service

Even though the seasons change, there is still service that needs to be done at **both** camps, so please come out and play in the snow by doing service at either of the two camps in our council. Also, if you think you have fifty or more service hours, please contact me before the thirty-first of December.

Ryan English
"Always doing service"

NOAC PAPERWORK HAS ARRIVED FROM NATIONAL!

We finally got our packet from National for NOAC. NOAC is the National OA Conference. It is the OA equivalent of Jamboree but only lasts 5 days. It will be held at Michigan State University from July 29 through August 3. The cost is \$345 per person plus transportation. We have a quota of 20 so we are guaranteed 20 slots. We hope to be able to get more slots but we won't be certain until March that we can bring more than 20 Arrowmen. Please sign up now to guarantee that you can go to NOAC. A \$50 deposit is required when you sign up. Come see the great shows and watch (or compete in) ceremonies and dance competitions that put the best Arrowmen in the nation against each other! It is a great event! Don't miss it!

Greetings from Inductions

My name is James Ferraro, and I am the Inductions Chairman. I have been in the Lodge for about three years now, and I am a Brotherhood member of the Lodge. The ceremony team will be busy getting ready for the spring ordeal, Conclave, and maybe NOAC. If you would like to join the ceremonies team, please call me with your contact information. You can also come to practices, which are held every first and third Sunday of every month. The practices will be either at Camp Bucoco, or Agawam at two o'clock p.m. Again my name is James Ferraro, I am the Inductions Chairman, and I hope to see many of you come out and join the ceremonies team.

WWW,
James Ferraro
Inductions Chairman

Greetings from Glacier Ridge South

I am Chris Covert your Glacier Ridge South District Vice Chief. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Service,
Chris Covert
Glacier Ridge South DVC

Ordeal Master

Good morning, afternoon, and evening brothers. I, your ordeal master, am looking for elangomats for the spring ordeal. It would be great if there was no scrambling around at the last minute trying to find Brothers for this task. If you are an elangomat, you will get in for free. Keep an eye out in future Kuskitas for the date of the spring ordeal. If there are any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me.

Cheerfully yours,
Andrew Flugher

Lodge Banquet

My name is Thomas Johns. I need some people to help me get decorations and raffles for the lodge banquet. If you can help me pleas call me.

WWW,
Thomas Johns

Greetings fellow members,

I hope everyone had an awesome time at the Brookie brotherhood weekend! I am really looking forward to the upcoming lodge family banquet. Be sure to bring your whole family for food, fun, and fellowship!

WWW,
David Spink
Administrative Vice Chief

Driving Directions to the Lodge Family Banquet

From Route 422:

- 1:** Start out going EAST on US-422 E / BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HWY. Continue to follow US-422 E.
- 2:** Take the PA-268 / US-422-BR exit toward WEST KITTANNING.
- 3:** Merge onto US-422 BR.
- 4:** Stay STRAIGHT to go onto MARKET ST.
- 5:** Turn LEFT onto PATTERSON WAY.
- 6:** Turn RIGHT onto ARCH ST.
- 7:** End at **First Baptist Church**
332 Arch St, Kittanning, PA 16201, US

From Route 28:

- 1:** Start out on PA-28 N via the ramp on the LEFT toward KITTANNING.
- 2:** Merge onto US-422 W via EXIT 19 on the LEFT toward BUTLER / WEST KITTANNING.
- 3:** Take the PA-268 exit toward WEST KITTANNING.
- 4:** Merge onto US-422 BR.
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