

KUSKITA

April 2006



Brotherhood of Cheerful Service



Pictured above: Kuskittanee Lodge members who gave 50 hours or more of service to Camp Bucoco in 2005 were recognized at the annual banquet held in February.

A Message From The Chief

Hello everyone.

I hope all of you are looking forward to Spring Break and the coming of summer! This is the time our annual Spring Ordeal occurs. This year there are a few changes. First, this year's ordeal is at Camp Agawam and it is the first one held there since 1973. This year's ceremony will hold a few new surprises for even the most seasoned veteran, so come out and enjoy Spring Ordeal at Camp Agawam.

I urge all members of the Lodge to become more active and support our Lodge. We can't grow without YOU! I would like to meet and greet each and every one of my Brothers at our Lodge events. We're a fun bunch of guys and we get to eat great food! We could also use your help with service projects, remember our motto, "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service." Please make the time to come and fellowship with your Lodge Brothers. I look forward to seeing all of you!

Yours In Brotherhood,

Dan Pollock

Kuskittanee Lodge Chief

Spring Ordeal

Come join your Brothers at Camp Agawam for the Spring Ordeal on April 28-30! We have a new Ceremonial Circle and we have some different ideas for some of the ceremonies. Check it out and help us christen our new circle!

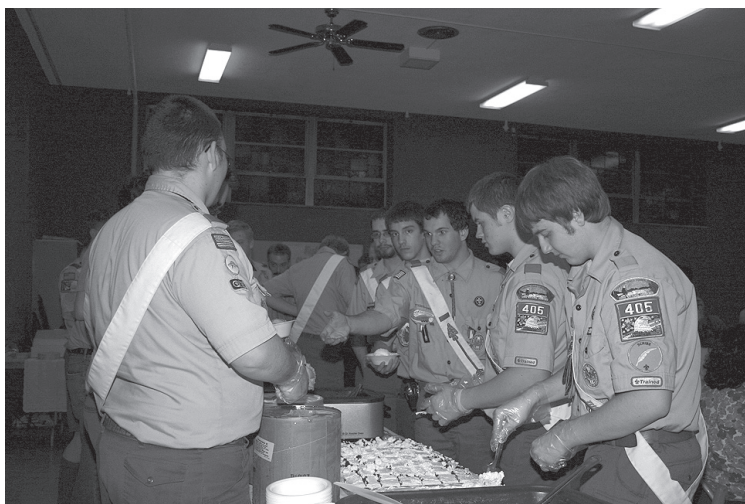
Register by April 13th and pay only \$15 per person with the super Early Bird discount. Register by April 21st and pay only \$20 with the regular Early Bird discount. Register after April 21st and pay the full amount of \$25 per person.

If you want to become a Brotherhood member, add \$14 to the price (this covers the cost of your new sash).

Help us get new members by reminding everyone in your Troop who was elected last Spring that this is their last chance to do their Ordeal!

See you there! Don't miss this great opportunity to hold our Ordeal weekend at Agawam! Call Council at 724-287-6791.

Brookies Know How To Party!!



Members of Kuskittanee's Executive Committee scooped up ice cream and served cake for dessert at the Lodge Banquet.

And Now A Word From Your Friendly EC Officers.....

Greetings From Your Friendly Glacier Ridge North DVC

I am Alex Connell, your Glacier Ridge North District Vice Chief. If your Troop needs an election, please feel free to contact me at 724-282-6783.

Yours In Service,
Alex Connell
Glacier Ridge North DVC

Salutations From The South

Greeting from Glacier Ridge South!
Just a friendly “?” reminder to you Scoutmasters in Southern Glacier Ridge to contact me to schedule an election for your troop. Please call me ASAP if you need to conduct an election.

Yours in service,
Chris Covert
Glacier Ridge South DVC

The King Has Spoken

Hello, I'm Shawn Shaffer, the King Beaver District Vice Chief. I would just like to say that elections are going good. But I need Scoutmasters to contact me about elections – to request an election, to ask questions, etc.

Also, I would appreciate it if you could tell me if you don't need an election.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Shawn Shaffer

The Dance Team Is Ready and Rarin' To Perform!

Brothers in the Order,

This year is full of new challenges and ideas. If you haven't been around, we are working on some possible new traditions. Yes, that's right – a Spring Ordeal at Agawam! I encourage all to attend to see the new ideas.

Speaking of attending, I hope all of you are planning to be at Conclave in June. I also hope everyone who can is going to NOAC. For everyone who is, do everything you can because you might not be able to be at the next NOAC. Did I mention that the Dance Team will be there to lead the fun?

WWW,
Chris Worst
Dance Team Chairperson

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, THAT IS...

The Membership Committee has been working hard to finish the Troop Elections and bring in new members.

Please make sure that your Troop members know about the OA and the fun things that we do. I hope to see you all at future events.

WWW,
Kenny Greene
Membership Vice-Chief

Let's Hear It For Conclave & NOAC

Conclave and NOAC are both well on their way to being planned. Conclave is being planned collectively by the Council of Chiefs, made up of all 7 Lodges. This year's Conclave is being held at Camp Potomac in Maryland and spots are still available. This year the Kuskittanee Lodge is in charge of the newsletter that is produced daily at Conclave.

On March 26th there was a NOAC meeting for all participants taking the bus to Michigan. This year we have a contingent of about 30 people. A design for a patch is being made by Dustin Ferris and a special version will be available for all Lodge members. If you have any questions, email me at jelm5431@hotmail.com or call at 724-316-3850.

WWW,
Jon Elm



Lodge Banquet A Success!

Dear Brotherhood,

The Lodge Banquet was good and will be even better next year. I hope everyone thought our door prizes were fun.

WWW,
Thom Johns

Short But Sweet.... (Just Like My Dad)

Service.
Come and work and have fun.

WWW,
Ryan

STOP THE PRESSES!!

Truer words have never been spoken! We are in dire need of a Publications Chairman. To ensure good communication, we need someone in charge of publications.

Additionally everyone should look forward to Spring Ordeal! There will be AMAZING shows, AWESOME food, and a BRAND NEW Circle! It will be one of the BEST weekends yet! An AWESOME Trading Post, COOL shows, and TONS of fun!

Make sure you come to Spring Ordeal and Conclave.

WWW,

David Spink

Administrative Vice-Chief

Calling All Thespians

Hello, my name is James Ferraro. I'm looking for new members for the Ceremonies Team. The team meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm at Bucoco.

You don't have to have a speaking part at first because there is a lot of work behind the scenes done. If you think the ceremonies could be better, than why not join the Ceremonies Team?

If you have any questions, please call me at 724-568-1800.

WWW,

James Ferraro

Inductions

5th Annual Bucoco Social

Kuskittanee Lodge #168 will once again sponsor the Annual Bucoco Social on April 22nd at Camp Bucoco.

Training sessions will be begin at 10:00 am and will run throughout the day. A Dance Session (Northern) will be held in the evening from 7:30 pm -????

Training Sessions may include:

Mens Traditional Dancing/Outfits; Womens Traditional Dancing/Outfits; Jingle Dress Dancing/Outfits; Fancy Shawl Dancing/Outfits; Sioux Beadwork Designs/Colors; Bonework; Rawhide; PowWow Etiquette; Grass Dancing; Chicken Dancing/Outfits; Bustle Construction; Silverwork; Modern Mens Crow Dancing/Outfits; Many More.

The Entrance Fee is \$4. Lunch is available for \$3 and Dinner for \$5.

For more info contact Jon Elm at 724-443-6389 or email: jelm5431@hotmail.com

BAND OF BROTHERS

Hello everybody, my name is Josh Ferraro. I'm the Lodge's Brotherhood Chairman and I am just reminding all new Ordeal Members who are able to test for Brotherhood to come to the Spring Ordeal to take your test. So sign up early.

Elangomats Needed!

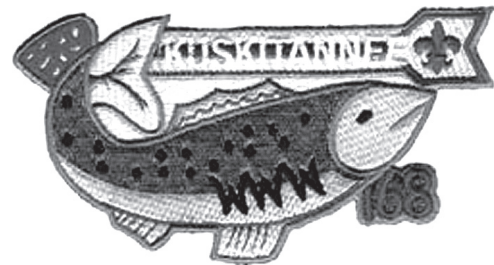
We need Elangomats for the Spring Ordeal! Come help the new Ordeal candidates complete their Ordeal. Get a cool patch and pay nothing for the weekend! It is service to the Lodge and a low cost way to enjoy the weekend.

Note: if you want to take the Brotherhood test you have to pay the \$14 for the sash, otherwise the weekend is free!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Talk to the OA members in your Troop and make sure they have all paid their OA dues for 2006. We need everyone to pay their dues immediately or else remove the lodge flap from their shirt.

Dues are \$12 per person and can be paid at Council. Thank-you!



Ideas Needed For Upcoming Events!

We need your help in coming up with themes for upcoming events. So far we have thought of a Luau for one event and an Italian Dinner for another one. We can have Karaoke or even a Movie Night!

What theme or activity would you like to see at our events? What can we do to get more people to come to our events and stay involved with the OA? Send your ideas via email to alchemist@wowoatam.com. Put "Event Ideas" in the subject line. We will give away coupons for a free OA weekend event to the three people who come up with the best ideas!

What kind of programs would make YOU want to attend more OA functions?

Kuskitannee Lodge #168 Members Receive "Training Trout" Award

In an effort to promote training in all levels of scouting, Kuskitannee Lodge has initiated the "Training Trout" award. This award is given to Lodge members who participate in a substantial amount of training over the course of a calendar year. To receive this award, 20 credits must be earned. They must be obtained from the following categories:

Troop Credits, Lodge Credits, Conducting Credits, and National Credits.

Check with the Lodge Chief or other members of the EC to learn more.



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Kuskitannee Lodge 168 currently has 30 people signed up for NOAC! It may still be possible to sign up if you want. This is a great time to see other Lodges from around the nation. Check out the ceremonies competitions and the dance competitions! Get great training in anything about the OA! See the great shows!

Contact Council immediately at 724-287-6791 to sign up. We can start signing up for training and events around April 1st and all fees are due by May 31st, so hurry and call Council if you want to try to get to NOAC. The cost is \$345 per person, plus transportation.



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LAST CALL FOR CONCLAVE

Conclave will be held at Camp Potomac this year over the weekend of June 9-11. Sign up now and get ready to have a great time! Come meet other people from our section and watch our dance team and ceremonies team compete. Get great training and help us win the Spirit Award! The cost is only \$30 per person to attend. Sign up now by calling Council at 724-287-6791.

BROTHERHOOD TESTING

If you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, it is time to seal your membership and become Brotherhood. You should have received the list of Brotherhood questions in the mail recently. Study the guide and come take the Brotherhood test at the Spring Ordeal at Camp Agawam. We need you to become Brotherhood and help us become Quality Lodge!

