



Kuskita

January 2009



Chiefly Speaking

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope all of you are having a safe and fun holiday. I am very excited to start our new lodge year with once again serving as your Lodge Chief and hope to make this better than the last. First I would like to talk about N.O.A.C 2009 or National Order of the Arrow Conference which is being held at Indiana University on August 1-6. This year national is putting out a patch contest for this year's NOAC patch. The details are as follows: Open to all Arrowmen under the age of 21. No more than one entry per person. Entries must contain only 11 colors. Designs must be in digital format, no hand drawn designs will be accepted. All entries must contain the following info: Name, Address, Age (as of NOAC 2009), Daytime phone number, unit number and position, lodge name and position, council name and headquarters city, email address. All entries that contain the following information can be submitted to: nept@oa-bsa.org This year for NOAC, national is planning to release a fundraising guidebook to help us with our traveling expenses associated with events like NOAC. The guidebook should be available at the beginning of the year. Please, if you have any other questions or concerns about NOAC, you can contact either myself or Craig Spink.

Our next event coming up will be our annual family banquet February 7, 2009 at East Franklin Township VFD, West Kittanning PA. Dinner is at 6 o'clock followed by our presentation of awards and door prizes. Once again, this year we are having a pot-lock and every family from each district is to bring a dish as follows to serve 12 people: King Beaver- deserts, Glacier Ridge- Cold dish/ salads, River Valley- hot dishes. Each member has to RSVP by January 30th, 2008. The banquet is also your last chance to pay your dues before the late at the beginning of the year. Once again I wish you all happy holidays.

WWW,

Dominic Paunovich, Lodge Chief



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Win a Plane Ride
around Lawrence
and Butler Counties

Program Vice Chief

Thanks to all of you who came to the Brookie Brotherhood weekend. We had a great time enjoying our space themed weekend, with light savers, “shooting” stars, and “laser” battles. If you could not make it we hope you will be able to attend the Lodge banquet on February 7. We will be having a NASCAR theme in addition to the usual door prizes and annual lodge awards ceremony. I hope to see you there.

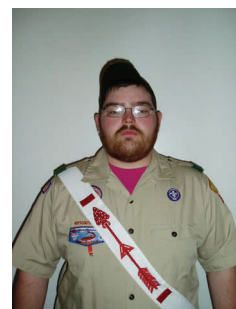
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Administration Vice Chief

No Article Submitted.

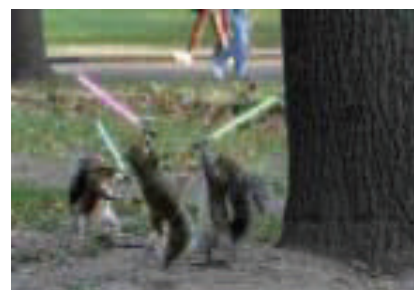
Chris Covert



Membership Vice Chief

No Article Submitted

Alex Connell



Secretary/Treasurer

Happy holidays to fellow brothers! We find ourselves at year's end with another successful year behind us. Earning Quality Unit the second year in a row, we still have more Ordeal members to take their ordeal during our Spring Ordeal. I would like to encourage all members to attend our upcoming OA Banquet scheduled for February 7, 2009. It's always a great time to break bread and enjoy each other's company. I would also like to encourage all members to attend our Winter Fellowship Weekend scheduled for February 20-22, 2009.

Your Secretary/Treasurer, Ryan Moon



Lodge Chief Adult Adviser

Season's Greetings from your Lodge Adviser!

As we close out the year it is time to look back on our accomplishments in 2008 and look forward to new challenges in 2009. We did 4045 hours of service in 2008, we added 87 new Ordeal members, had 43 members become Brotherhood and inducted 5 members into the Vigil Honor. In addition to our service to our council camps, we held a council wide food drive as our community service project. We met all the requirements and will be Quality Lodge for the third consecutive year! We had fun weekends with good ceremonies and lots of good food. In short, we had a pretty good year.

In 2009 I hope our lodge can build on our accomplishments in 2008 and do things even better. For starters, I would like to see more members come to our events. Send Dom an email if you have ideas that may get more people to come to our weekends. We have our troop OA elections coming up this spring. I want to see more people, both youth and adult, helping out with the OA elections. This is an important activity since this is how we get new members and continue to grow as a lodge! Finally, we are a service organization. We need to have more people get involved with our service events at our camps and we need to come up with a better community service project. I would like to have a very visible community service project that shows how Kuskitannie Lodge and the Boy Scouts contribute to our community. Please help me with ideas for some good projects.

Thanks to everyone that participated in our events and helped us earn Quality Lodge! Let's make 2009 a really great year.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,
Craig Spink



Attention all youth members:

We will be holding youth leader elections at Spring Ordeal this year. We are doing this to make the transition from one set of youth leaders to the new group easier. It has always a mad scramble in the past to fill the executive committee in 30 days. We want to try having all summer to fill out the EC. Our elected officers are the lodge chief, the vice-chiefs, the secretary and the treasurer. Anyone interested in being an elected officer must send a letter to me by March 1 indicating that you want to be a youth leader and run for a particular office. This letter should be signed by your parents, which will show that they understand that you have taken on a position of responsibility in the lodge. This lodge is run by the youth members. Please consider running for an office and helping run this lodge.

Craig Spink, Lodge Adviser

Glacier Ridge District Vice Chief South Chapter

I am looking forward to doing elections in the spring. If you would like to help out, feel free to contact me at (724) 352-4074.

Michael Kasunic

Glacier Ridge District Vice Chief North Chapter

No Article Submitted

Jon Green

King Beaver District Vice Chief

For the food drive I called the troops and some decided to participate and some didn't, but we did get some food for the City Rescue Mission and I recorded the info and contacted Pat Wilver.

William Hughes

Ceremonies

Good Morrow Fellow Brethren of this Order,

It is I, Jack C. Libengood, the Ceremonies Chairman. The Brookie Brotherhood and Brotherhood Ceremony went very well. A new member to the team, Cole Egbert, took on a role at the last second and performed very well. A multitude of new recruits were also picked up, this should make the future ceremonies also go well. The first practice of the year will be on January 11 and will be on ever second and fourth Sundays of the months unless otherwise noted. Be safe and have a great holiday.

Thank you,

Jack C. Libengood
Ceremonies Chairman



Activities

No Article Submitted

Sean McGregor

Brotherhood

Hello Everyone,

Advancement to Brotherhood is a wonderful way to solidify your membership in the lodge and become more active. I would like to see every member come to the next event and the lodge would like to see every Ordeal member continue to Brotherhood. You were chosen to be a member of this lodge. If you just wear the sash, does that live up to the potential others saw in you?

I will see you at the next event!

Kenny Greene

Brotherhood Chairman

Camp Promo

No Article Submitted

Alex Connell



Elangomats/Ordeal master

No Article Submitted

Aaron McAfee

Service

No Article Submitted

Pat Wilver



Vigil Honor

No Article Submitted

Chris Covert



Communications

Thank you for your comments about the last Kuskita, and I ask that you continue them. My e-mail is on the leadership roster. Also, if you know someone who has not received a Kuskita, either this one or the last, will you please let me know.

Tyler Lucas



Lodge calendar:

		May 24, 2009	EC meeting Rae's cabin
January 18, 2009	EC meeting CSC	June 12-14, 2009	Conclave at Custalo gatown
February 7, 2009	Lodge Banquet	August 21-23, 2009	Big 3 Bucoco
River Valley		August 22, 2009	Business meeting
February 20-22, 2009	Winter Fellowship Agawam	September 11-13, 2009	LLD Bucoco
February 21, 2009	Business meeting	October 25, 2009	EC meeting Rae's cabin
March 22, 2009	EC meeting Rae's cabin	November 20-22, 2009	Brookie Brotherhood Agawam
April 18, 2009	OA Social	November 21, 2009	Business meeting
April 24-26, 2009	Spring Ordeal Bu coco		
April 25, 2009	Business meeting		

Conclave/National Programs

NOAC 2009! We are getting ready to register with National!

NOAC is the National OA Conference. It will be held August 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. We are guaranteed 17 attendees but we will try to bring everyone that wants to go. In 2006 we brought 30 brothers! We will be defending our two consecutive National Championships in Northern Drum (2004 NOAC and 2006 NOAC) so we will need to start practicing!!! There will be dance competitions and ceremony competitions, lots of training and fellowship and of course super shows! The cost will be \$395 per person plus transportation. We should assume a total of around \$500-\$550 per person.



Sign up now! We will need a \$100 deposit from everyone interested in attending by February 15, 2008 to hold your spot. If we have more people signed up than we are allowed to bring, youth members will get first priority followed by adult advisers to the lodge. Payment of the \$100 deposit does not guarantee that you will go to NOAC! Your deposit will be refunded if we don't get enough slots. So far we have all the necessary adult slots filled but we hope we can add more. If we register less than 17 members in February we probably will not be able to add any more people after that. Everyone attending will need a class III physical form filled out after August 2008.

NOAC is a great adventure! You will meet arrowmen from around the country. You will see the best dancers, drums and ceremonialists competing in National competitions. You will see and maybe meet all the National youth leaders. You will witness great shows. Don't miss this opportunity! Contact Craig Spink to reserve your place. I can be reached at [alchemismist@wowoatam.com](mailto:alchemist@wowoatam.com) or at 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059, 724-898-1574. Check the Lodge web page for an on-line sign up page. I will take reservations immediately but they will not be firm until I get a check for \$100 made out to Kuskitantee Lodge 168-MTC. The payment schedule for the rest of the attendance fee would be an additional \$100 per month due at the end of March, April and May. Transportation fees are due by July 1. We will try to hold fund-raisers to help keep the costs down.

Dave Spink, NOAC Chair



NOAC 06
Drum Team

Brookie Brotherhood Review

We had a great time at the Brookie Brotherhood weekend! We got a lot of service done, we had a lot of fun and we had five members seal their membership by taking the Brotherhood test! Kuskitannee Lodge has met the Brotherhood conversion requirement for Quality Lodge so we should make Quality Lodge again this year! Thanks to everyone that became Brotherhood members this year! Everyone at the weekend had a great time! The decorations for the theme look great. If you weren't there you missed a great time! Better try to make it to the Winter Fellowship or you will really miss out!

It's time once again to pay your Lodge Dues

Every year in December we pay the OA National office to register our members. We charge \$10.00 per person for dues. We have avoided raising dues the past four years and will stay at \$10.00 per person again this year. Everyone that has not paid their 2009 dues needs to pay dues as soon as possible. You can pay at Council or pay at the Lodge banquet in February. If you don't pay by the end of February we will have to add a \$2.00 per person late fee. Please pay now and avoid the late fee! Mail your check (payable to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC) to Craig Spink now! My address is 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059

Lodge Awards reminder

Kuskitannee Lodge gives out several awards at the annual Lodge Banquet (see the banquet announcement elsewhere in this issue of Kuskita). Make sure you let us know if you are eligible for an award this year. We have already selected the Silver Chief and Founder's award recipients but we still are collecting names for the Spirit of Service award, the Training Trout award and the new Participation Award.

The Spirit of Service award is given to all Lodge members that perform 50 hours of service at our council camps. This service includes OA weekends so if you came up for extra weekends you may qualify. Contact the Service Chair or the Service Adviser if you think you qualify.

The Training Trout award is given to those that participate in training or perform training at lodge events, Conclave and troop events. The requirements can be found on our web page.

The new Kuskitannee Lodge 168 Participation Award was approved in April of last year. The requirements are in the Lodge Blue Book but are summarized below:

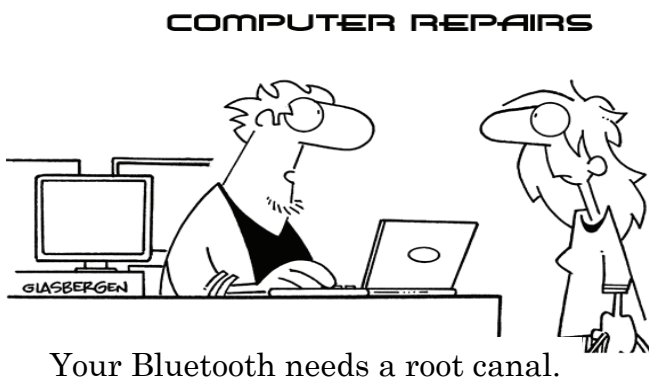
Members must accumulate a minimum of 25 points total while achieving at least the minimum number in each category. For attendance (8 points minimum needed) you earn one point for each EC meeting. Lodge weekend, Lodge Banquet, Callout Ceremony and Section event you attend. For Membership (3 points minimum) you get one point for every time you assist with a unit election; assist with Camp Promotion; Attain Brotherhood, Mentor a new Brother or are active as a troop or team representative. For Team participation (5 points minimum) you get one point every time you take part in or guide a ceremony practice, a lodge ceremony, perform service at the circle any time other than an OA weekend, a Dance Team Practice or a Dance Team Show. Finally we have the other category (5 points minimum). You get one point for every time you help in the kitchen all weekend, serve as an Elangomat or help out on an OA workday. You can get 3 points if you attend NOAC (when available). Contact the Service Chair or the Service Adviser to submit an application for the award or to get answers to questions.

OA Troop Representatives needed!

We are trying to fill out our roster of OA Troop Representatives. Please let us know who the OA Troop Representative is in your troop. We are trying to improve our communications between council, the Lodge and Troops. We need to know who your Troop Representative is and how we can contact them. Please help us! Let Craig Spink know who your Troop Representative is as soon as possible!



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Get ready for the 2009 Kuskitannee Lodge Winter Fellowship!

We are having our Winter Fellowship weekend February 20-22 at Camp Agawam. This was a very popular weekend the last few years and we are trying to have a better time this year! We are planning to have Guitar Hero video games all weekend. We are working on other fun video games as well. Don't miss out on what may be our most fun weekend of the year! We will be having a relaxed schedule with brunch Saturday around lunch time and no firm plans except to do some service and have a lot of fun. Bring your video games and controllers and we will have the video projectors! You can bring board games, card games or anything else you want to do. Register now and get ready for a fun weekend!

You can register with Craig Spink at 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059 (724-898-1574) (alchemist@wowoatam.com) to register. Pay in advance by check (made out to Kuskitannee lodge 168-MTC) or pay at the door with cash or a check made out to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC. You can also register on-line in our web page at www.kuskitannee.org. Everyone must have a health form (available on-line or use the copy in this Kuskita).

Registration fees: members paid by February 6, 2008: \$18.00 per person with super early bird discount. If you pay by February 13, 2008 you pay \$23.00. After that or at the door you must pay \$28 for the weekend. Register now and get the super early bird discount! See you there!

Winter Fellowship signup

Return this form to Craig Spink

Name: _____

Want to save a stamp? Try our new on-line sign up page! Go to www.kuskitannee.org and click the link for details and on-line registration for the Winter Fellowship weekend!

You can mail a check (payable to Kuskitannee Lodge 168) or pay at the door.

Mail to: Craig Spink 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059.

Make checks out to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC

You must have a Class 1 Health form or the Lodge Emergency Health information and Waiver form filled out to attend the event!

Emergency Health Information and Waiver

(a new one must be filled out for all Lodge weekends)

Name of Participant: _____ Birthdate: _____

In case of emergency contact:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ --- _____

Relationship: _____ --- _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Physician: _____

Phone: _____

Health Insurance: _____ Policy # _____

Additional information we should know (include current medications and health problems):

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (if adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event I can not be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including, but not limited to, hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections and medications for my son (or me, if I am adult).

Date: _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult

Your family is cordially invited to attend

2009 Kuskitannee Lodge

Order of the Arrow

Annual Family Banquet

(tureen, covered dish, pot luck, buffet, or whatever you call it)

To be held on

Saturday, February 7, 2009

*Gathering 5:00 PM - Dinner 6:00 PM - Program to follow
at*

East Franklin Township V.F.D.

West Kittanning, PA

Directions on reverse

Cost \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$20 per family.

Meats, rolls, beverage will be provided. Each family should **bring table service** and a **dish**/casserole/
container **to serve at least 12** people according to the following schedule:

King Beaver – dessert

Glacier Ridge – cold dishes/salads

River Valley –Hot Dishes

Please **RSVP** no later than **5:00 PM January 30** by one of the following methods: on-line registration at www.kuskitannee.org; mailing this form back to Craig Spink; email to alchemist@wowoatam.com or by phone to 724-898-1574 (Craig Spink) and be sure to leave your name, your phone number or email, the number in your party, and what dish you will be bringing, so that we can attempt to have a wide selection of foods. We may have to ask some officers/advisors to bring a different dish.

Don't forget, the banquet is your last chance to pay your 2009 dues without penalty!!!

You can mail this form to Craig Spink at 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059:

Name: _____ Number of people: _____

I will bring this side dish: _____

My email: _____ My phone # _____

Directions to East Franklin Twp Fire Hall 165 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA
(724) 543-2707

From Lawrence County, Butler County and parts of Armstrong County.

Get to route 422 by whatever route makes your life easiest. Take 422 East to the “West Kittanning” exit.

Follow Business Route 422/PA 268 down the hill past two malls (Franklin Village and Hilltop Plaza(Walmart)). At the bottom of the hill, bear left onto PA 268 (use extreme caution, this is a weird intersection). Pass the Quality Inn and Belmont complex on your left then go about 1 mile. Fire Hall will be on your left just before Toy’s Golden Dawn.

From Eastern Armstrong County, Ford City, Apollo, etc

Get to 422 then go west. After crossing the Allegheny River take the “West Kittanning” Exit and follow the directions above.

From Kittanning Area:

You’ll figure it out!

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Merit Badge Match Contest

Win a flight around Butler and Lawrence counties with Mr. Lucas. Act as his co-pilot as he pilots a 2004 Beechcraft King Air B350 Twin Turbo Prop. You'll takeoff on Saturday February 21, 2009 (weather permitting). from the New Castle Airport, fly over Moraine State Park and the surrounding area and end up back at the New Castle Airport. Once in a life time opportunity to have a private flight in a \$4,000,000 airplane. If you can explain where your house is you'll have an opportunity to see it from 5,000 feet ASL traveling 260 kts.

INSTRUCTIONS: Write the letter of the badge name next to it's corresponding badge. This is not to be an open book contest. Do not use any books or literature to aid in the taking of this test. Remember a scout is **TRUSTWORTHY**. Bring your completed page to the Winter Fellowship and give it to Mr. Lucas to enter. If there are multiple winners then a drawing will be held to determine the final winner.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!!

Read the disclaimer below before entering the contest. No one will win without a thorough understanding of the disclaimer. **AGAIN, READ THE DISCLAIMER.**



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|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Soil and Water Conservation | F. American Cultures | K. Animal Science |
| B. Climbing | G. Archaeology | L. Emergency Prepared |
| C. Music | H. Safety | M. Atomic Energy |
| D. Athletics | I. First Aid | N. Pets |
| E. American Business | J. Mammal Study | O. Law |

DISCLAIMER: Air travel as related to the Boy Scouts of America is strictly prohibited. The winner will not leave the camp nor will he leave the ground. The flight is a simulated flight. Not only is the flight not real but, you can fly the plane yourself since it's using a flight simulator computer program. Mr. Lucas does not own a plane, nor is he even a pilot.



Kuskitannee Lodge 168

