

March 2009

Kuskita

Chiefly Speaking

Greetings fellow Arrowmen,

A couple weekend ago was our winter fellowship. Everyone who went had a great time and enjoyed each others fellowship. Later that night we had our business meeting to discuss important lodge matters. The topic was brought up about video games in cabins and we have made the decision that at any of our events video games are not permitted in cabins. Please remember a scout is Courteous. Our next E.C meeting will be March 22, 2009 in Rae's cabin at 2:00. Our next event will be our Spring Ordeal. Our ceremonies team has been hard at work preparing for this event. This year it is at Camp Bucoco on April 24,25,26 2009. Please remember you can register online at www.Kuskitannee.org

I would to extend my thanks to all of our E.C members and advisors for all of the hard work we have accomplished this year but we can not do it alone. Please if you have any ideas or comments or anything that you think can make our events better, feel free to contact me at 724-845-8361. Thank you!!!

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Program Vice Chief

The lodge recently held it annual Winter Fellowship weekend at Camp Agawam. Those members who attended enjoyed a weekend filled with service, fun, and fellowship. In addition to playing our normal capture the flag game, we also played many games in the dining hall on two projectors, three TVs, and several computers. Like always our members left camp on a full stomach. The program committee is looking forward to planning the Spring Ordeal where we will welcome new members to our lodge.

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Nicholas Kasunic



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Administration Vice Chief

No Article Submitted

Chris Covert



Membership Vice Chief

Howdy to all the members of the Kuskitannee lodge I have some very exciting things to tell everyone. There is the Spring Ordeal coming up and it is a great opportunity for candidates and ordeal members alike. For new candidates who have been called out to become a lodge member, but have not taken there ordeal yet you can come and take your ordeal at the Spring Ordeal. For you ordeal members who have had at least ten months in the lodge, you can come out and seal your membership by taking your Brotherhood test. In other news, it's that time of year again. That's right, you guessed it! It's election season! So for all the troops hopefully you will be contacted by your District's DVC. So be on the lookout in your mail and your answering-machines for letters and phone calls. If you are having trouble getting in contact with your DVC's you can contact me at (724)-355-7225. I hope that we will obtain many new members for our lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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Alex Connell



Secretary/Treasurer

Hello, my name is Ryan Moon and I am currently the Secretary/Treasurer. With the new Ordeal elections upon us, I highly encourage my fellow Arrowmen to help promote benefits of our lodge to any possible new members. With spring upon us, there is much service to be done at both Camp Agawam and Camp Bucoco. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Ordeal.

Ryan Moon

Secretary/Treasurer



Glacier Ridge South Chapter DVC

This is the time of year when a DVC gets down and dirty. It is truly getting more difficult to schedule troop elections. I am currently in the process of contacting Scoutmasters in order to set up dates and schedule elections. If you have not received a letter by now, it is hopefully on its way. But don't let that slow you down. Don't waste any of your valuable time in contacting me ASAP so that you can be sure to have you OA election when the time is best for you. My time slots are filling up fast, so the sooner you call the better your chances are. I hope that we can elect many new members in order to increase membership in our lodge. If you have any questions or want to schedule your election without delay, don't refrain from calling. My number is (724)-352-4074. Just ask for Michael.

Yours in Brotherhood,

WWW

Michael Kasunic

Glacier Ridge North Chapter DVC

No Article Submitted

Jon Green

River Valley DVC

No Article Submitted due to me not having contact information

Name Unknown

King Beaver DVC

Right now I'm am working on OA elections with the troops in my district and got almost half the troops but some have not responded back.

William Hughes

Is this your last Kuskita?

It is if you haven't paid your 2009 dues.

Ceremonies

Good Day Brothers,

The Ceremonies Team held a meeting during the Winter Fellowship. The next meeting will be on the 8th, unless otherwise noted. Please give me a heads up if you cannot make it. It will be at 2 pm at Camp Bucoco. We will be holding atleast an Ordeal practice, and if we have enough people also a Brotherhood practice. Please make it if you can.



Thank you,

Jack C. Libengood

Dance Team

The Dance Team is doing great. We are already preparing for NOAC to retain are Northern Drum championship status. If anyone is interested in joining the Dance Team please feel free to email me at Navypilot1990@yahoo.com. Practice is on the first and third Sunday of every month at Rae's Cabin from 3 to 5. If you are not sure about joining the Dance Team please feel free to come to one of our practices for a no obligation trial of the Dance Team. You will have a awesome time on the Dance Team.

Dance Team Chairman,

Andrew Costello

Activities

Greetings fellow OA members,

I am Sean McGregor, the Activities Chairman for lodge 168. Winter Fellowship went well and we had a very enjoyable time playing various video and board games. I will be at Spring Ordeal planning the activities, if you have any suggestions about what activities for the Spring Ordeal, please let me know at dude1310@hotmail.com.

WWW,

Sean McGregor

Have you paid your 2009 dues?

Camp Promotion

Howdy once again! The camp promotion team has been working diligently on putting together a video for the upcoming camp promotion season. We are advancing upon the completion of a video which can be shown in the upcoming election season to promote and entice both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to come to our Council Camps. By using new technology, the video will hopefully "make all your wildest dreams come true."

Yours in Brotherhood,
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Alex Connell

Conclave

No Article Submitted

David Spink

Elangomats/Ordeal master

No Article Submitted

Aaron McAfee

Service

No Article Submitted

Pat Wilver



Vigil Honor

No Article Submitted

Chris Covert

Trading Post

Attention: Everyone collectors, savers, and packrats, etc. There will be a sale like you've never seen before. Many items will be ½ price or less!!

When: during posted store hours.

Where: at the lodge spring event.

What: almost everything more than two years old.

Who: any Kuskitannee member in good standing in attendance.

How: cash or check.

Why: because we need to clean out old stock and make room for the new.

Publications

From the computer of the editor,

Hey it's your editor Tyler Lucas. I hope you all like the Kuskita, I know I enjoy making it. There was one problem that was with the last Kuskita that was my e-mail address. My address is lucas2414t@hotmail.com not lucas2414@hotmail.com. I hope you will continue to send in your ideas of the Kuskita and how to improve it. In fact some of the pictures in this issue were sent in by a lodge member. Lastly, I appoligize to any EC member who does not have an article in this Kuskita due to the error with my e-mail address.

Yours in brotherhood,

Tyler Lucas, editor



NOAC 2009 is coming soon!

This is the National OA Conference, which will be held August 1-6 in Bloomington, IN. It is like a short National Jamboree but it's only for Arrowmen! We have sent in our deposit but we may be able to add more people. It is not too late if you want to go but we will need to send in a \$100 deposit ASAP. This is a lot of fun and a good opportunity to meet arrowmen from around the country! It will cost around \$500-\$550 per person depending on how we get to the event. We can go in cars or get together with other lodges and take a bus. We are working on a patch design for the event. See our lodge web page for more information. Our next planning meeting will be at the Spring Ordeal.

Come to the Section Conclave!

Conclave 2009 will be held June 12-14 at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation! What is conclave? It is an annual meeting of all the lodges in our Section. We get together and compete for dance, ceremonies, spirit and generally have a lot of fun. We are now in a new section so this is an opportunity to meet new people from lodges we have never met before. The price will be \$30 per person plus the cost of tee shirts. Don't miss this opportunity to have a great weekend, meet new people and learn about the OA! Sign up at council, sign up on-line or sign up with Craig Spink but sign up now! You need to sign up by Spring Ordeal to guarantee that you can attend!

We are in charge of shows for this event. We are looking for people to join the committee to work on the shows. We need to have the plans for our shows worked out by the Spring Ordeal. We will work on the plans for the shows at the next EC meeting and we will finalize the shows at Spring Ordeal. Our next council of chiefs will be the Sunday of the Spring Ordeal so we need to know who will be attending by Spring Ordeal.



New policy for games, electronic devices and sleeping arrangements at our OA weekends:

The use of games at OA events has been discussed at several EC meetings with no resolution. **This is how it will be handled.** All games, including but not restricted to electronic games or board games, will be stored and played in the dining hall at all lodge events. No games will be in any other building at any event. Games will be played during specified times only. For all future events we will specify one building for people that want to stay up late. All other buildings will have quiet time starting at 11PM. Some of us want to get some sleep at night. Any questions, contact the Lodge Adviser.

Cub Scout Program Assistance

We need to help our council with the Cub Scout program. I challenge all of you to find out what the Cub Scouts in your district are doing and volunteer to help them. We should be visible at Cub Scout events, serving as a good example of what older scouts can become. Membership numbers are dropping in the Cub Scouts, especially at the Webelos level. We need to help council retain the older Cub Scouts since that is where most of the Boy Scout membership comes from. Please help us figure out a way to keep Cub Scouts involved!

Our first opportunity to get involved is the Spring Cub Scout Family weekend held May 15-17. We will be planning how we can help at the Spring Ordeal. Please come help us plan ways to help the Cub Scouts retain members!

Thanks! Craig Spink, Lodge Adviser

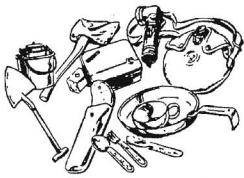
An Arrowman walks into a trading post with a brook trout on his shoulder and says, "Excuse me

Mr. Trading Post Keeper person, can I pay my 2009 dues here? The Keeper person responses, "No, but you can by sending \$12 to: Craig Spink

145 Dwellington Dr.

Valencia, Pa 16059





Lost and Found:

Lost: A PSP handheld game system was lost at the Winter Fellowship Saturday afternoon or evening. It has a silver case. Everyone that attended the Winter Fellowship should check their gear to see if it accidentally wound up with your stuff. This must be returned to the Lodge Adviser, Craig Spink, ASAP.

Found: A knife and a knife case. The knife does not fit in the case so two people lost something. Contact the Lodge Adviser to identify your item(s).

Spring Ordeal will be at Camp Bucoco this year!

You can register at council or 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 through 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 April 10, 2009: \$18.00 per person with super early bird discount. If you pay by April 17, 2009 you pay \$23.00. After that or at the door you must pay \$28 for the weekend. Ordeal Candidates need to pay \$30 for the weekend. Brotherhood candidates can pay \$32 for the weekend with the early bird discount if they register by April 10. If you can only come up for Saturday to take the Brotherhood test the cost is \$20. Register now and get the super early bird discount! See you there!



Spring Ordeal 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 Spring Ordeal weekend!

You can mail a check (payable to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC) 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!



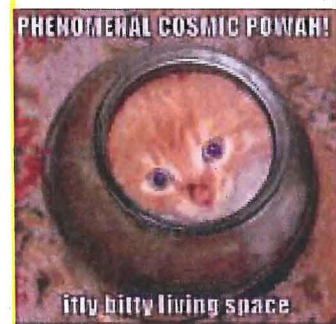
Pricing: \$30 for Ordeal, \$32 for Brotherhood, \$18 for members, \$20 if you come up Saturday for the Brotherhood test. If you miss the Early Bird discount 2 weeks before the event additional fees will apply.

Dues are past due!

Anyone that wants to continue to be a member of our Lodge must pay their dues. If you have not paid your 2009 dues you must pay ASAP. Dues are now \$12 with the late fee. Important Note! We will be holding Vigil Honor selection at the Spring Ordeal. If you are eligible for Vigil Honor selection but are not current with your dues you will not be considered. You can pay at council or mail a check made out to Kuskitannee Lodge 168-MTC to Craig Spink at 145 Dwellington Dr., Valencia, PA 16059.

Youth Leaders needed!

We will be electing new youth leaders for our Lodge at the Spring Ordeal. We will be electing a new Chief, three Vice-chiefs and a Secretary/Treasurer. All youth members interested in becoming Lodge officers must submit a letter of intent to the Lodge Adviser by March 27 indicating that you wish to run for Lodge office. You must be under the age of 21 for the entire duration of your office (i.e.: You must be under the age of 21 through the end of August 2010.) Sign up now. This Lodge can't function if we don't have youth leaders!



OA Wilderness Voyage: Canadian Odyssey

After ten successful years in Minnesota, the OA Wilderness Voyage is expanding its area of operation with the introduction of the Canadian Odyssey. Adjacent to the boundary waters of Minnesota rests the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario. Together they make up the wilderness portion of the greater Quetico-Superior area. For nearly 100 years, the Quetico has remained largely untouched by conservation efforts even though it is traveled by a quarter of a million people each year, many of whom are from the United States. Both the Order of the Arrow and Canadian authorities are eager to act on this opportunity for service.

The Quetico Provincial Park is a vast wilderness with over 600 lakes set inside more than a million acres. The Canadian Odyssey allows Arrowmen—returning and new participants alike—to see and explore entirely new territory while at the same time providing crucial service. Odyssey crews will labor to repair and maintain portage trails in Ontario during the first week. The second week they will paddle back to the United

States on a route of their choosing.

Cost for the program is \$200. All participants must also have a passport. Applications and

more information available at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org.

How to Make a Million Dollars

Education, Education, Education

Hard Work, Hard Work, Hard Work

Are Your Dues Past Due?

If they are this will be you last Kuskita.

You can pay your dues, with a late fee, by sending \$12.00 to

Craig Spink

145 Dwellington Dr.

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WHEN I WAS A KID, MY MOTHER
USED TO SAY, "THE EARLY BIRD
GETS THE WORM."

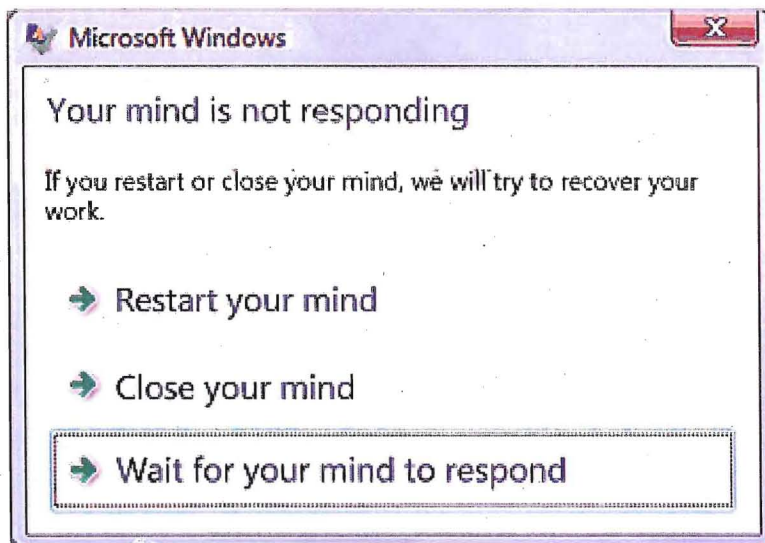
I THOUGHT SHE WANTED ME
TO BE THE EARLY BIRD.

BUT THEN AGAIN, I ALSO THOUGHT
SHE WANTED ME TO EAT WORMS.

DAVID SALAGUINTO

12.3.2008

IT MUST BE MONDAY...



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8.11.2008



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