

# 'Possum Tales

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## **New From Trent!**

**My fellow Arrowmen,**

**I wish everyone a Happy New Year and good luck to all the students going back to school. Earlier this month we had our annual Winter Banquet and I couldn't be happier with how it turned out. While the LEC did an awesome job planning the event, the lodge did its part and pulled in record high attendance. I hope this increase in registration keeps up throughout this year. It is also my pleasure to inform you that Eric Harrison, the Section Chief, got elected as National Vice Chief and that Michael Janssen, Blackhawk Lodge Chief, has taken his place. All in all, I hope to see you all at Spring Fellowship or maybe even the American Indian Seminar this March.**

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Trent Mette  
Woapink Lodge Chief**

## **From the Lodge Adviser**

**Greetings Brothers,**

**We are headed into another exciting year. The 2019 Woapink Winter Banquet was the biggest banquet we have ever had and I want to thank our Vice Chief of Activities Dawson and his adviser Misty for all of their hard work in putting together an "Awesome" Banquet. There are so many new and exciting things this year brings. We have a lot to do. Our first task is for all of us to renew our membership by paying our 2019 dues right away. Let's get those dues forms in**



**Be Sure To See  
What Connor  
Woods Has In  
Store For This  
Newsletter:**

- **From Troop 39**
- **Part of the Lodge for 3 years.**
- **Read more to find out.**

**quickly, so we can move on to planning and conducting events.**

**Unit elections have started and elections provide chapters with a good opportunity to develop chapter involvement and enthusiasm. All of these efforts will require our enthusiastic participation, so let's step up and seize the opportunity to be AWESOME!**

**Yours in Brotherhood,  
Greg Rau / Lodge Adviser  
Lakehema Xeli Tentay**

## Inductions Adviser, Steve Lusietto

I was born January 20<sup>th</sup> 1962 in Spring Valley, Illinois. I am self employed as a general contractor. I am married to my wife Connie and together we have one son Steve Lusietto III.

I began in Scouting in 1969 as a wolf cub and completed wolf and bear. The pack dissolved shortly after I started Webelos and was not able to gain the Arrow of Light. The area I grew up in did not have a Boy Scout troop, so my scout experience ended.

In 2004, I became a Tiger cub den leader, and in 2005 I stepped up

to Cubmaster in the WD Boyce Council. After moving to the Decatur area later in 2005 I became a Bear cub assistant den leader in Lincoln Trails Council. In 2007 I started as a Webelos assistant den leader. In 2008 I became an Assistant Cubmaster / Webelo leader. My son crossed over in 2009 and from 2009-2014 I was a committee member for Troop 31. As my son aged out of scouts in 2015 I moved to a district position. From 2015-2018 I served as a unit commissioner and am currently a committee member for Troop 104 in Decatur.

I was called out in 2010, completed my Brotherhood in 2011, and was presented with the Vigil Honor in 2013. I have served on the Lodge Executive Committee as the Elangomat chairman and Vice Chief of Inductions adviser. I'm very active in scouting and have been involved with many different cub and troop activities every year. I look forward to serving with scouting for years to come.

## First-Ever Woapink Lodge Trade-O-Ree

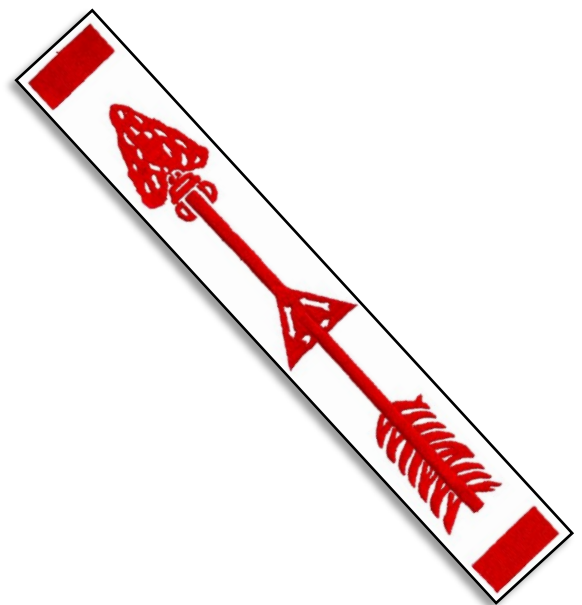
Saturday, March 30  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
NSEC Exhibition Hall  
at Richland Community College  
Decatur, IL

Trade, Buy, Sell, or Browse!  
Scout Patches, Memorabilia, Uniforms & More  
Admission - \$1.00  
Scouts in Uniform - FREE!  
Vendor Information @ [www.stlbsa.org](http://www.stlbsa.org)

## From the New Vigil Chairman

Hello, my name is Hunter and Scouting has been a huge part of my life, and I'm sure will continue to be for the rest as well. I've been in Scouting since being a Tiger Cub in 2006? Not sure exactly how many years really but it's definitely close to there, but it's something I just don't think I'll ever see myself not being a part of. I've served many positions from Elangomat to Chapter Chief, from secretary to my current position as Vigil Chair, so you may have seen me around. Through my years in Scouting, I've made a lot of lifelong friends, especially through OA, and look to make many more during this year's program at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. You can find me at the pool and I'm sure we'll have a blast.

Until then,  
Hunter Rau  
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# 2019 Woapink Lodge Merit Badge Fair

*Hosted by Woapink Lodge 167*

**March 2, 2019**

Lake Land College

The second annual Woapink Lodge Merit Badge Fair is on March 2th at Lake Land College in Mattoon, IL. Check-in will begin at 7:30am and classes will start at 8:00am. The event will conclude at 4:00pm. There will be full-day classes and half-day classes. Scouts must have the merit badge book (and have read it), a signed blue card from their leader, and all required pre-work in hand the day of the fair. **Scouts who do not have completed pre-work will receive a partial.** Scouts should wear their uniform to the event.

Deadline for registration is February 22nd. **Pre-registration is required - NO WALK-INS ALLOWED!** Registration is online only! **Cost: \$15 per person**

Lunch will be provided (pizza, drink, and a cookie). Extra pizza and soda will be available at an extra cost.

**ALL registrations should be done online at <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2019WoapinkMBFair>**

Full-Day Classes	Pre-requisites
Chemistry	6
Citizenship in the Nation	2, 3, 6, 8
Citizenship in the World	3a, 3b, 4c, 7a, 7b
Communications	1,4,5,6,7,8
Emergency Prep	2b, 6a, 7b, 8 bring proof of 1 and 2c
Fire Safety	6
Law	4
Moviemaking	5
Nuclear Science	2b, 3, 4, 8
Personal Fitness	1, 6, 7, 8
Photography	1, 7, Bring Cyber Chip and 8-12 digital or print



Half-Day Classes	Pre-requisites
Digital Technology	1, 9
Energy (2 sessions)	1, 4
Space Exploration (2 sessions)	5c, 7, 8 (\$10 extra cost)

## 2019 Winter Banquet

The 2019 Woapink Lodge Winter Banquet was held on Saturday, January 5th at the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville, IL. The attendance at this year's banquet was over 130 people, a record for the lodge. Dinner was catered by Martin's IGA in Effingham.

Our annual silent auction raised over \$1,200 that will be used to help support programs in our area and Rhodes France Scout Reservation.

We had guest speakers including our National Vice Chief Eric Harrison and Greater St. Louis Area Council Scout Executive Ron Green.

The Lodge presented the annual Arrowman of the Year Award to Dawson Boys and Mark Potter. The Ceremonies Team recognized the 2018 Vigil Honor Class; Karsten Owens, Hunter Rau, Gideon Outzen, Skyler Curl, David Boys, Mark Potter, and Lori Owens.

The National Founder's Award was presented to Tanner Owens and Misty Curl.

The event was a huge success thanks to the planning and preparation done by the Lodge Vice Chief of Activities Dawson Boys and his adviser Misty Curl. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next Lodge-wide event, the 2019 Spring Fellowship at Rhodes France Scout Reservation on May 3-5, 2019.

## Meet Our Secretary/Treasurer!

Hello, my name is Connor Wood and I'm the Secretary/Treasurer of the lodge. I'm a part of Troop 39 in Sullivan and I'm currently a Sophomore at Okaw Valley High School. I have been part of the lodge for about 3 years now. I have also worked a few cub scout camps and I worked Boy Scout summer camp in 2018. My job is to make sure that we keep track of everything that is discussed at the LEC meetings and I'm about to start getting into the Treasurer part of my job a little more. I'm excited to continue serving my lodge and to see where my journey takes me in the future.

**In Brotherhood**

**-Conner Woods**

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# NEWS FROM WALLY

All Arrowmen who attend at least 3 Qualifying events in 2019 have the opportunity to purchase a special edition Woapink Lodge sash!

2019 Qualifying Events:

- Winter Banquet
- Possum Palooza
- Spring Fellowship
- Section Conclave
- Fall Fellowship

Vigil members can add Vigil name for an additional fee!

Look for more information in future newsletters!