

A Word from the Lodge Chief

Brothers,

I hope you all had a safe and prosperous holiday season and are ready for another exciting year with the Order of the Arrow. We have many different things going on this year and a lot of information that you need to be aware of.

First off, we have a tote wash coming up on January 23, 2010 at McKesson Drugs in West Seneca. Half of the profits earned from this event will be going to a new fund the Lodge has put together to help cut the cost of National and Sectional events. We need all the help we can get to make this fundraiser a success so please come out and support the lodge!

Next on the calendar is our Winter Fellowship on February 19-21 at Camp Stonehaven. This years theme is Summer in Winter. It will be a ton of fun as always. For those new arrowmen who have not yet attended a Fellowship I highly suggest going. They are always fun and the exact opposite of an Induction Weekend. We eat, joke, and make great friends.

Soon after the Lodge has its annual Lodge Banquet. This year it will take place on March 7 at Bowmansville Fire hall in Bowmansville. At this event we have dinner together, give out awards including the Founder's Award, watch a the year in review slide show, have a chapter display competition, and most importantly elect the 2010-2011 Lodge Officers. Speaking of which, any youth who wishes to run for a Lodge leadership responsibility must have their application, which can be found on the website, filled out by the February Lodge Executive Committee meeting on February 1st. The Lodge Banquet is another great opportunity to take part in some Lodge fellowship and introduce your family to the Order!

Finally, we have Lodge Broomball on

March 20 at Nichols School Ice Rink. For those of you unfamiliar with Broomball it is basically hockey but with brooms, a soccer ball, and no skates. This is one of my favorite events of the year and is always a blast. You can come in one of three ways: as a non-participant, as a team, or as an individual player who will be placed on a pick-up team. I hope to see a great turn out for Broomball because if you don't attend your just missing out.

As usual I encourage all to support their Chapter Chiefs and to attend the monthly chapter meetings. Every Chapter is doing a phenomenal job this year so far and there is no where to go but up. Election season is also upon us so please ask your Scoutmaster to contact your Chapter Chief to schedule an election. Dues notices are out and I would like to thank all who have paid already. If you have not done so, please pay your dues as soon as possible.

I hope to see everyone at Lodge events throughout the year and hope you enjoy this year as much as I will!

Yours in Wiamachtendienk,

Jim Prowse
Lodge Chief



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Special Arrow of Interest

⇒ Remember to go to your monthly Chapter Meetings. Don't know when or where they are? Contact your Chapter Chief.

From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Brothers,

Our Chapter Meetings are growing in size. Come join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 453 Old Falls Blvd in North Tonawanda at 7:00 pm. Don't forget the Winter Fellowship is Feb. 19-21. Check the Lodge website for registration info. I would also like to take a

moment to welcome John Sosnowski as the Falling Waters new Vice Chief of Program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at brandon_minicucci@yahoo.com.

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Brandon Minicucci

Falling Waters Chapter Chief

A Word From the Camp Promotions Advisor

Brothers:

My name is Dale Shick and for those who don't know me, I currently serve as Camp Promotion Advisor for both the Seneca Chapter and the Lodge.

Camp promotions is the duty of every Arrowman. In 1948 the Order of the Arrow became an official part of the national camping program for the Boy Scouts of America. The OA became known as the Boy Scout's brotherhood of honor campers. Our purpose became as follows:

1. To recognize those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
3. To promote Scout camping
4. To make firm the Scout habit of helpfulness and cheerful service to others

How can you promote camping? Start by camping as much as you can with your

own Units. Be a brother to all. Help your fellow Scouts without being asked. Make their camping experiences as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. Make your fellow Scouts want to camp.

Another way to promote camping is to suggest to your Leaders to have a camp promotions meeting during the year. Each Chapter has a youth and adult responsible for conducting camp promotion programs. They are trained to discuss the Council camping programs, both long term and short term.

We have some great camps here in Council. Camp Schoelkopf, Camp Scouthaven, Camp Stonehaven are all camps that we can be proud of. We as Arrowman need to promote camping and to promote our camps to our fellow Scouts and those Scouts we meet on the trail. We meet Scouts and Scouters from all over when we travel to places like Philmont, Sea Base, etc. Invite your new friends to come to our camps. All the information you need about our camps can be found on the Council website,

www.wnyscouting.org. Take a look and learn as much about your camps as possible so you personally can promote our camps.

If your Leaders decide to ask for the Lodge to provide a camp promotion program at your Unit, please e-mail me at scouter591@yahoo.com.

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Dale Shick

Camp Promotions Advisor

A Word From the Onodaga Chapter Advisor

Friends,

With this newsletter it is time for OA unit elections. You may ask, how does my unit schedule an election? It's as simple as filling out a form on the lodge website or picking up a paper form in the scout shop or just by calling or emailing me and I will send the information to the correct people. You may also wonder what are the requirements to be elected. A scout needs to be First Class and have 15 nights of Boy Scout camping and of course, have the approval of his scoutmaster. For a unit to nominate an adult at least one youth needs to be

elected, units cannot just nominate an adult. The adult also needs to meet the camping requirements to be considered for the Order. I must also say that just because the adult is nominated they are not guaranteed to get an invitation to join, their application will be considered by the lodge. Unit elections will be held until April 30th so please contact us as soon as you can to get yours scheduled. If you have further questions about unit elections please do not hesitate to contact me at 716-912-9640 or larryj1300@verizon.net or you can ask our chapter chief Peter "Smiles" Raichel. Don't forget to renew your dues for the year, we are over halfway

to positive growth already. That is just one of the components of making honor lodge for another year. See you on the trail.

WWW,

Larry Jones

Up and Coming Dates

- Lodge Executive Committee Meetings, 1st Monday of each month at the GNFC Service Center*
- Falling Waters Chapter Meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda
- Onondaga Chapter Meetings, 1st Thursday of each month at Southgate Plaza Community Room, West Seneca
- Winter Fellowship, 2/19 – 21 at Camp Stonehaven
- Lodge Banquet, 3/7 at Bowmansville Fire Hall
- Broomball, 3/20 at Nichols High School
- Service Evening, 5/27 at GNFC Service Center
- Falling Waters Service/Induction Weekend, 6/4 – 6 at Camp Stonehaven
- Onondaga Service/Induction Weekend, 6/18 – 20 at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation
- Seneca Service/Induction Weekend, 6/18 – 20 at Camp Scouthaven
- Section Conclave, 8/13 – 15 at Camp Russell
- Summer Fellowship, 8/27 – 29 at Camp Scouthaven
- Seneca Service/Induction Weekend, 9/24 - 26 at Camp Scouthaven
- Falling Waters Service/Induction Weekend, 10/1 – 3 at Camp Stonehaven
- Onondaga Service/Induction Weekend, 10/1 – 3 at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation
- Lodge Bowling 12/20

*For the month of September, the LEC Meeting will be on the 2nd Monday of the month

Would You Like To Write An Article For the Newsletter?

If you are at all interested, please feel free to contact me, Sean Jones, by email at sjones159@verizon.net. The Longhouse Messenger is not just for the Lodge Officers to write an article, it is for anyone. I, as well as everyone else in the Lodge, would be interested in what you have to say.

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Sean Jones

Communications Chairperson





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