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Special points of interest:

- Don't forget to schedule your unit's election if you haven't already
- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- Next newsletter will feature the pictures of our lodge officers and advisors

Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge #159
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Longhouse Messenger

A Word From The Lodge Advisor

Fellow Arrowmen,

As I write this March is almost over and it has been a busy month for the lodge. We have provided service and taught classes at the University of Scouting, elected new officers, enjoyed the annual Lodge Dinner with over 80 people in attendance, spent an evening playing broomball with teams from all over the council and continued to conduct elections for Ordeal candidates in all 3 chapters.

In addition to it being a busy month, it has also been a successful month. Our events were well attended, our dues paying membership numbers are ahead of last year at this time and we have been able to conduct elections in several units that have not been active with the O.A. for a long time. I want to thank everyone who has been working so hard to make this happen.

We now need to look ahead at the next couple of months. The Lodge has been asked to provide an O.A. Service Corps for the 100th Anniversary Camp-or-all in May. If you are interested in being part of this once in a life time group who will be part of the event staff, contact Vice Chief of Service Dan Tornow or any lodge officer for more information. The deadline for applying is rapidly approaching.

We also have our Induction weekends coming up quickly. The first will be at Camp Stonehaven on June 4, 5 & 6th followed by the weekends at SSR & Scouthaven on June 18, 19 & 20. The lodge is again offering special pricing for anyone who wishes to attend more than one weekend this spring. Check the lodge website and watch for mailings for more information.

Last but not least we need to focus on Brotherhood conversions. One of the toughest requirements for Quality Lodge is the 30% Brotherhood conversion rate. It means we MUST get 30% of our eligible members to seal their membership and become Brotherhood members. This includes any current dues paying member who has been an Ordeal member for over 10 months. Believe it or not, we have some members who have been Ordeals since the 1970's and 1980's. If you know of any of these people, or anyone who is Brotherhood eligible, please encourage them to help the Lodge and become a Brotherhood member at one of our spring weekends.

Again, thank you all for your support of the Lodge and be safe.

Jerry Sullivan II
Lodge Adviser



A Word From The Seneca Chapter Advisor

Inspiring Quote

"You need seek no rocky summit; these high places are within you" ~ Meteu

Arrowmen of the Seneca Chapter,

At the Lodge Dinner, March 7th, our new Seneca Chapter Chief Was elected: Terry Ulrich of Troop 411. Terry will officially become our new Seneca Chapter Chief at the June OA LEC, when Ian Shick will be stepping down as Chapter Chief and taking the position as the Lodge Secretary. I would like to thank Ian for his year of service to the Seneca Chapter and look forward to working with and advising Terry, during his reign as Chapter Chief. Terry and I will be looking for volunteers to fill any chapter youth chairman and adult advisor positions that will be opening.

Spring is here and there is only 1 month left in the OA election season. If you haven't already scheduled your troops OA election now is the time to do it. All OA elections have to be conclude by April 30th, so if your troop has eligible candidates, please contact me as soon as possible. You can contact me at phquinn@msn.com

Don't wait until the last minute! The last week in April is filling up rapidly. The OA election teams will be available during the Spring breaks in April, but you must book now.

The Spring Ordeal Weekend dates are:

June 4th – 6th at Stone Haven (Falling Waters Chapter)

June 18th -20th at Scout Haven (Seneca Chapter)

June 18th -20th at SSR (Onondaga Chapter)

If you are an Ordeal member and you had your Ordeal ceremony in or before June 2009, Now is the time seal your bond to the Order of the Arrow by

converting to Brotherhood. Join us at one of the Spring Ordeal Weekends. Witness the pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies, and see and hear the full ceremonies. Discover the richness of the ceremonies that were probably all a blur, when you were inducted. Join us in welcoming our newest Ordeal members.

Do you remember your Ordeal? Do you remember that sense of accomplishment you got from toiling with your fellow candidates? Would you like to do it again? Now is your chance to do all again as an Elangomat. What is an Elangomat? Elangomat means friend. It is your chance to work with new Ordeal candidates, make new friendships, to act as a mentor and guide the Candidates through the Ordeal. As an Elangomat it will also be your assignment to stay in touch with the New Ordeals, and guide them down the road to Brotherhood. For more information on becoming an Elangomat contact; Mr. Ron MacLeod @ ro-mac1055@aol.com or Mr. Dan Berger @ danielwberger@yahoo.com

Good Turn For America: On Saturday April 17th at a TOPS Market near you. If you are participating with your Troop or Crew collecting for the needy, please let me know the number of service hours you and your fellow Arrowmen worked, so it can be entered into the Lodge-master. If your troop or crew does not have a selected TOPS Market to Collect at, join Mr. Maui and Mr. MacLeod at the TOPS market (800 Harlem Rd, West Seneca), between 10:00 AM and 1:15 PM. Or join your other OA brothers at the TOPS market located at Young St, Tonawanda, located next to Gander Mountain. The Tonawanda location is being staffed

by the OA from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Remember Seneca Chapter meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at the Southgate Plaza Community Room and don't forget we have a special guest speaker at every meeting. In the months to come we are hosting Dan McCartan, to discuss the upcoming Camporall and an FBI agent will be join us to discuss careers opportunities with the FBI.

Speaking of the Camporall, May14th -16th at Fort Niagara State park, the OA is looking for members to join the OA service crew. If your Troop or Crew is not attending, and you want to attend, now is your chance to attend as a member of Staff. Applications are available at council or from your Lodge and Chapter Advisors.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming OA events.

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Pat Quinn

Seneca Chapter Advisor



April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1)	2)	3)
4)	5)	6)	7)	8)	9)	10)
11)	12) LEC @ CSC	13)	14)	15)	16)	17)
18)	19)	20)	21)	22)	23)	24)
25)	26)	27)	28)	29)	30)	

Schedule of Events

- May 14-16 : 100th Anniversary Camperall
- June 4-6 : Ordeal Weekend @ STH
- June 7 : Deadline for Vigil Honor Nominations
- June 18-20 : Ordeal Weekend @ SSR + SCH
- August 13-15 : Section Conclave @ Camp Russell
- August 27-29 : Lodge Summer Fellowship @ SCH

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center,
LEC - Lodge Executive Committee

ATTENTION BROOMBALL PLAYERS

One of the referees was handed a chain to hold while play was in progress. If you or one of your team forgot to get it back, we have it! Contact Jerry Sullivan II our Lodge Adviser for information on how to retrieve it.

A Word From The Communications Chairman

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. So, if you would like to send in an article to be published in our newsletter, send it to my email address above. There is a lot of room in the newsletter, as you can see, for your words of wisdom, news about something going on in lodge, or just

anything that you would like to let every lodge member know.

WWW,

Sean Jones

Communications Chairperson



A Word From The Lodge Staff Advisor

Greetings,

I am very excited to be the Staff Advisor to the Order of the Arrow, and thank you all for the warm welcome's I have received in the time I've been in my new position. I want to assure you all that I will "do my best" to support the lodge in my role as Staff Advisor.

As many of you know I've been a member of the OA since youth, and this is an exciting honor to be your advisor. I look forward to all the ceremonies, service time and future events that are planned for the lodge as we celebrate 100 years of Scouting adventure and continue our journey into the next century!

Yours in Scouting

Stuart Schnettler

Lodge Staff Advisor

A Word From The Onondaga Chapter Advisor

Friends,

As of this writing it is the Easter season and I do hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday. We are still in unit election season but it is winding down rapidly. If you haven't signed up for an election and your unit still wants one, please contact Peter Raichel or myself and we will be glad to set you up.

Broomball 2010 was another success as we had many new faces but there's still room for you to join us when we are having fun or doing what we do best, cheerful service.

Speaking of such we as a lodge have signed up for two locations for Good Turn For America. If your unit is not participating and you want to help,

check with our Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor for more details on times and locations. This is our opportunity to stand out in front of the community and show everyone what we do as scouts and members of the Order of The Arrow.

I would like to congratulate and welcome Matt Wrobel from Troop 565 on being elected the new Onondaga Chapter Chief. Matt did his Ordeal last fall and since that time he has been the Lodge Training Chair working with Roberta Wojcinski. I look forward to working with this fine young man who is currently his troop's SPL.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our current chief and member of our ceremonial team

Peter Raichel. Peter has done a great job and has helped the chapter get a new meeting night and place up and running. Please come out and join us on the first Thursdays of the month at SS. Peter and Paul school in Depew, just off of Walden Avenue. We meet at 7 and we usually follow that with a rousing game of basketball. Peter's term will end and Matt will start in June.

If you would like more information on chapter or lodge level positions, you can ask either one of these fine young men. Until we see each other on the trail.

WWW,

Larry Jones

A Word From The Service Vice-Chief

Dear Brothers,

We are currently at a time of low service. The April 10th tote wash has been canceled due to an issue at Mckession. The deadline for applying to OA Service was April 1st. So if you haven't applied yet it is too late. On another note as part of our

quality lodge this year we are now required to perform a certain number of community service hours. To meet this requirement we are going to work part of Good turn for America on April 17th. We will be manning the Tops on Harlem road and the Tops on Young's Street next to Gander Mountain. All

help will be greatly appreciated. If you are attending please email Jim Prowse at jim.prowse@buffalo.com.

Your Service Vice Chief

Dan Tornow

A Word From The Incoming Seneca Chief

I realize becoming the next Seneca Chapter Chief will be one of the bigger things that I have done in Scouting. All I can do is do my best and keep the ball going on when I need to do something. I will be taking over for Ian. I do know it will take a little time for me to start and get the hang of it. But I will have the advisors and experienced youth for guidance and help at the beginning and throughout the entire year.

I am part of the ceremonial team. I am Nutiket the guardian of the circle. I just started last fall before the work

weekend. During that weekend I took part in something that every one of you should do and that is being an elangomat. It helps support you and your fellow brothers by urging on the new member to continue on his quest to get to the point where he has built his fire. The elangomat service also helps our lodge by helping obtain the quality lodge award. I am in the middle of my elangomat service.

At broomball for everyone that went, Mike Maue, Dan Luvollo, Evan Taylor, Nick sorry I forgot your last name, and James I also forgot your last

name sorry and I were co-champions. Nick was the only one who had played before and he played goal. He only let in 4 goals. While James and Evan were our star defenders and stepped it up when needed. Dan Luvollo and I played forward. Dan scored at least 10 goals and I scored three. Mike Maue played forward and defense and scored five goals. It was a lot of fun.

Sincerely,

Terry Ulrich

Incoming Seneca Chapter Chief

Calling All Elangomats!!!

Do you consider yourself a friend to others? Ever consider being a “Big Brother”? If the Order of the Arrow represents the “best of the best”, do you aspire to the “best of the best of the best?” “Elangomat” may be for you!

What is the role of an elangomat? Perhaps it is to identify a clear point of contact for new ordeal members. Perhaps it is to provide encouragement to seal one’s Brotherhood. Maybe it is to urge new ordeal members into becoming active members of the Order and to maintain that active membership. It’s all of these, and the list goes on and on.

To be an elangomat means going through the Ordeal all over again. You must be kidding! No way! Are you insane? Well, not really.

This is may be your chance to partner with a friend who is going through the ordeal.

Maybe you are the kind of person that’s able to meet a challenge head on, especially if it’s a Scouting skill.

Welcome to a select “society” of Arrowmen.

No good deed goes without its reward. If you choose to be an elangomat and you successfully complete a set of goals you will earn the coveted Lodge Elangomat patch, an item proudly owned by very few Arrowmen. You’ll also be issued a highly visible and distinctive T-shirt – yours to keep, of course – and your ordeal service weekend will be reimbursed with “Trading Post Bucks” redeemable at Lodge 159 events. Step up and make a difference!

If this challenge is for you, contact your Chapter or Lodge Advisor for more information. An Elangomat Advisor or Chairman will then provide you with a brief training session to prepare you for the role. Along with a

personal commitment to serve as a guide to new Arrowmen on their trail to Brotherhood conversion, you will earn you the respect and appreciation of “ultimate friend” by your newest Chapter Brothers. General questions and word of your interest in the program can also be directed to Seneca Chapter Ceremonial Team Advisor Dan Berger at danielwberger@yahoo.com.



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