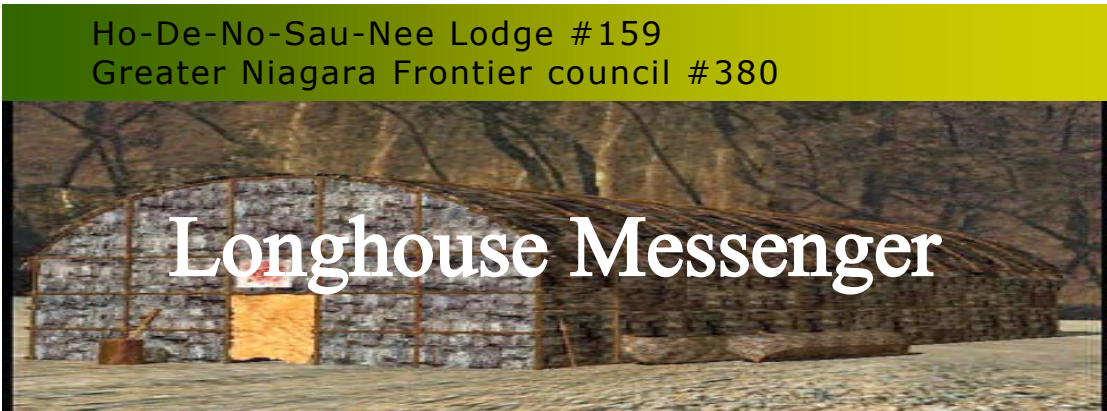




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A Word From The Past Lodge Chief

Brothers,

This will be my last article to you as the Lodge Chief. As you are aware I was elected to the position of NE-3A Section Chief and must resign my Lodge position. My tenure as Lodge Chief has been an extraordinary experience for me and I appreciate everything that has been done for me and all I've learned.

First of all, I would like to thank all of you, all the members in our Lodge, for your continued support of me and the Lodge. Without you, our success wouldn't be possible. Next I would like to thank all of the members on the Lodge Executive Committee for their tireless dedication and commitment to the Lodge. The LEC is so vital to the success of our Lodge and I thank them wholeheartedly. Finally I would like to thank my advisers. These gentlemen were instrumental to my success as Lodge Chief. They have stood behind me at every turn and gave me the tools I needed to achieve my goals.

The Lodge held the election for the new Lodge Chief at the Lodge Business Meeting on Saturday, August 28th. At this meeting Fredrick "Skippy" Briggs was elected the new Lodge Chief to finish out my term. I wish him the best of luck and know he will make all

of you proud like I have tried to do.

Now I do have important things to address before I leave so don't think you got off that easily. I've been pushing for Brotherhood conversions since the beginning of the year. It is critical that we achieve our goal of a 30% Brotherhood conversion rate or else our Lodge won't earn the Quality Lodge Award. So if you know anyone in your Troop that is eligible to convert to Brotherhood please encourage them to come to one of our three induction weekends this fall. Dates and locations can all be found on our Lodge website www.oalodge159.org.

Thank you once again for a great year and a half. I wish you all the best and look forward to serving you as your Section Chief.

Yours in Wiamachtendienk,

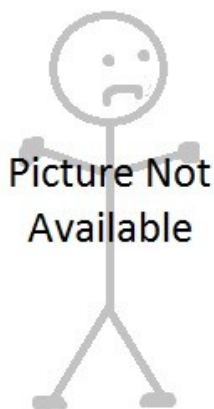
Jim Prowse
Lodge Chief



Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- Scout meetings are starting up again, don't forget to mark your calendars!

A Word From The Nominations Advisor



Eight new Vigil members were inducted at the Summer Lodge Fellowship Weekend. Congratulations to the following youth: Seth P Kline, Phillip A Pyrak, Andrew P Skelton, Jacob D West; and adults: Paul J Lucas, Michael M Meyers, Eric N Millitello, Gary T Roncone. See their group photo on the Lodge website. The Vigil Honor recognizes those members with outstanding service to the OA of at least two years since becoming Brotherhood.

The next Vigil Fellowship Breakfast will be on Saturday December 18, 2010.

The Founders Award recognizes those arrow members who continually serve and exceed the expectations of service in the Order of the Arrow. If you know someone who deserves this prestigious award, a nomination form must be submitted by the January Lodge Executive Committee meeting.

Also, come have an hour of FUN at the Trade-O-Ree Sept. 17 & 18, 2010. It is an indoor "flea market" with over 30 tables of just Boy Scout items. Buy, Sell or Trade with other friendly Scouters. We have it all! CSP's, OA flaps, Jamboree

patches, neckerchiefs, insignia, almost anything Boy Scout could be there. Why not come by and just look. Scouts in uniform are FREE, adults only \$1.00. Support our council museum. Great refreshments available. Hours are Friday 9/17 from 5 to 9 pm; Saturday 9/18 from 9 am to 1 pm, with an auction from 1 to 3 pm. Held at North Presbyterian Church, N. Forest at Union roads, Williamsville.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Dirk Norwich
Lodge Nominations Advisor

A Word From The Advisor of Service

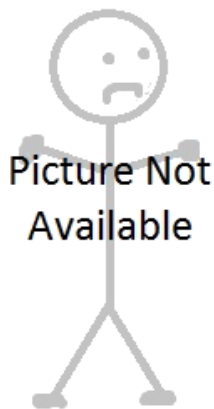
Greetings Brothers In Service

Our fall Induction, Service weekends are almost upon us. Once again our lodge is running a great deal on a two for weekend deal, so I invite everybody to take advantage and come help out at one of the other Camps beside your home Chapter's Camp. We already have our list of jobs for all 3 camps, it looks

like every camp needs some painting and staining and brush clearing. If you haven't noticed from the calendar, this fall Scout Haven is the last weekend in September, and SSR and Stone Haven are the first weekend in October. With Our Vice Chief of Service, Dan Quinn away at college, we are looking for an assistant to help him out with his duties. If you think you

might be interested, talk to myself at one of the weekends, Jim Prowse, or our new Chief Fred Briggs. This is a easy position so don't be afraid to step up.

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Rick Tornow
Advisor To Vice Chief Of Service



How Are You Connected?

Over the past couple of years, Ho-De-No-Sau-Neé Lodge 159 has migrated from paper records and spreadsheets to maintain our membership listing to a national system called LodgeMaster. As a result, we have developed several ways to keep our members informed, including, personally addressed email blasts and Twitter.

Are you receiving communications through our email blasts? If not, send an email to INFO@OASENECA.ORG from your preferred email account and request to be added. We'll update your LodgeMaster record with your email address. If you have a cell phone and prefer to be kept informed of Lodge happenings through Twitter, then

you can follow us as OALODGE159.

Are there other ways you stay connected? Please, let us know how you'd prefer to be connected with the Lodge. We'll do our best to accommodate.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,
Jamie Prowse
Lodge Membership Advisor

September 2010

Schedule of Events

- October 1-3 - SSR and STH Ordeal Weekends
- December 10th - Lodge Bowling
- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months

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

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center,

Who knows service better than us?
Who likes adventure more than us?

We now have the opportunity to combine both of these close to the newest National property; THE SUMMIT: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Arrowmen from all over the nation will converge on the West Virginia site to assist in the preparation for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree and the BSA's newest High Adventure Base.

The project is clear; improving the Grand Garden Hike and Bike Trail that connects THE SUMMIT and the NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER. This trail will be the key link between the 10,600 acres of THE SUMMIT and the 70,000 acres of the National Park adjacent to the property.

The details are not final at this time, but here is what we have at this moment.

Date: July 17-23, 2011

Cost: Projected \$250 national fee, PLUS transportation. The lodge is exploring group transportation depending on the number who choose to serve.

In the spirit of pioneers like Washington, Jefferson and our brothers who served in ArrowCorp5, join us for the adventure that will benefit others for their lifetime.

In the Wimachtendenk,
Kevin Backer
Wulensin, 1985



A Word From The Falling Waters Advisor

Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I know I had a lot of fun. The school year is upon us and that also means Scout meetings and camping will soon be in full swing. Let's make it a point to promote camping in all of our Council Troops and Packs. If you would like a representative from Falling Waters Chapter to come out and give a camp promotion, contact me at the below email or phone number and we'll get a team out to your unit.

By the time of this printing we will have completed Summer Camp, Adventure Base 100, Section Conclave and the Lodge Summer Fellowship, to mention a few. If you didn't go to any of these you definitely missed out on a lot of "FUN"! I cannot express enough how much fun we have in this lodge. We are brothers who work hard and play hard, that's what makes our lodge so strong and successful.

If you were voted into the OA this past spring and didn't attend one of the spring service weekends the fall weekends are rapidly approaching, it is the last chance for newly elected ordeal candidates to be inducted. The 1st weekend is September 24 to 26 at Camp Scouthaven and the 2nd weekend is October 1 to 3 at Camp Stonehaven or SSR. If you miss either one of these weekends you will have to be re-elected at your troop's next OA election. So, don't miss this wonderful opportunity to become a member of our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

For those of you that

completed your Ordeal 10 or more months ago, please come out to one of the above service weekends and take that extra step to becoming a Brotherhood member. We had 6 members complete their Brotherhood at the Summer Fellowship weekend and we need about 27 more to reach our 30%. This not only helps you but our Lodge by bringing us that much closer in achieving Quality Lodge.

A "Great Job" goes out to Brandon Minicucci and Mr. Swagler for a great Summer Fellowship weekend. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Minicucci for all her hard work on the decorations and setting the "mood" for the Hawaiian theme.

Upcoming events for the Lodge, in addition to the service weekends at all three camps, are as follows; September Tote Wash on Saturday the 18th, Fall Camporee at Goat Island October 15 -17, Lodge Bowling Night December 10 at Tonawanda lanes, Winter Fellowship at Camp Stonehaven February 18-20, OA Broomball March 18 (location TBD), and Legacy 11 next summer.

It's not too early to start planning now for your Troops OA election date and submit your request. All this information can be found on the G.N.F.C. website on the Order of the Arrow page.

Falling Waters Chapter has a new meeting place for this fall. We will be meeting at Gander Mountain on Youngs Rd in Tonawanda and will announce what each month's program will be prior to each meeting. The dates are September 21, November 9, and December 14 with a start time of

7PM. Our October meeting will be on Sunday morning following our Service weekend at Camp Stonehaven.

We are currently looking for a youth and adult to run a Chapter Trading Post during Chapter meetings and functions. If you are interested please contact me. We now have a new Associate Advisor of Service and a big thank you goes out to Mr. Brian Kindron who has stepped up and accepted this position.

I cannot express it enough that what you get out of the Order is more than what you put into it. The opportunities are endless, but you must get involved. We are always looking for help with Chapter Operations on various committees, ceremonial team, and wherever you may feel comfortable. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to help out in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. The best way to have fun is to get involved.

Talk with your fellow brothers and come out and give us a try. I look forward to seeing many of you at our September Chapter meeting on September 21st @ 7PM at Gander Mountain. Feel free to discuss with me your thoughts or ideas for the chapter anytime. If you have any questions about any of the events, or the Chapter in general, please feel free to contact me at emilitello@roadrunner.com or by phone 716 625-4216. We are the brotherhood of honor campers.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Militello (Tuney)
Falling Waters Chapter Advisor



A Word From The Lodge Advisor



September is finally here and we can take a look back at a summer to be remembered. We completed our induction weekends in June and the number of people inducted this year is higher than it has been in the past. We started a new OA program at summer camp using volunteer O.A. representatives as camp chiefs to spread the word about the Order and the Lodge. While it may not have run as smoothly as we had hoped, it did generate interest in the O.A. and helped to promote our purpose and events. The last couple of years we would usually see 8 or 10 people at the OA day activities. With the start of the new program, our lowest attendance was the week we had 45 people at the evening program, the highest week was over 100. Just wait until next year and see what we do.

The lodge sent 14 people to the section conclave at Camp Russell where we were presenters for two of the morning training sessions and we brought back a new Section Chief. In case you haven't heard, our Lodge Chief Jim Prowse was elected Section Chief at the conclave. We also

have a new Lodge Staff Advisor, Our Scout Executive Mr. Coviello has realigned the staff assignments and Herb Schmidt will be working with the Lodge on a professional basis as of July 1st.

That was followed up by one of the best summer fellowships we have had in a long time. Lodge Vice Chief Brandon Minicucci & his staff ran a great event and everyone seemed to have a good time. Again our attendance was up over last year, by Saturday night we had over 100 arrowmen in camp who were enjoying the fun part of the OA. To top off the weekend, 6 of our brothers sealed their membership by converting to brotherhood and we inducted 8 new Vigil Honor Members for 2010.

But as I started this article, I said September is here and we need to look forward to what is coming up next. Under the leadership of our new lodge chief Fred Briggs, we have a tote wash scheduled for September 18 at McKesson, I know there are a lot of other events on that weekend, but our choice of available dates was very limited and this was the only time we could schedule it. So if you

are going to be in town that weekend, please come out and help if you can, we need you.

One week later we have the start of our fall induction weekend schedule. Flyers were mailed to everyone and info is available on the council and Lodge websites. Don't forget, you can register and pay on line through the link at wnyscouting.org

These weekends will also be our last chance this year to reach our goal of converting 30% of our eligible ordeals to brotherhood, if you are one of the eligible people or know someone who is, please make an effort to help us reach this goal and come out to camp.

As I close out this message from your advisor, I just want to say thank you to everyone who supports the lodge in any way, from paying your dues, to encouraging brotherhood conversions, to attending our events or putting in service hours at our camps. The lodge is alive and getting better and it's all because of you.

Jerry Sullivan II
Lodge Advisor

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

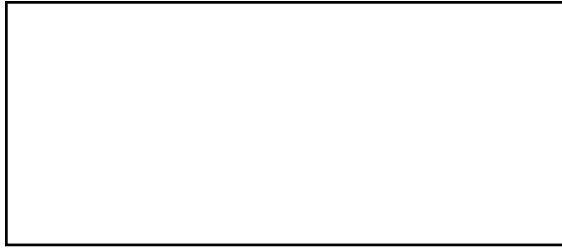
you would like to let every lodge member know.

WWW,

Sean Jones

Communications Chairperson





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