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### Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- OA Stream of Facts will be a section featured in our next newsletter, so look out for that.

## *A Word From The Lodge Advisor*

From The Lodge Advisor

Fall is finally here and our year is coming to an end. But before it does, I want to bring you up to date on what is happening in the lodge. Our fall induction / service weekends are over and our turnout was good. I would like to thank everyone who helped us achieve the 30% brotherhood conversion rate we needed to fulfill one of the requirements for Quality Lodge for 2010. The lodge leadership especially appreciates the efforts of the members who made a special trip to camp and sealed their membership in the rain. As I write this article we are currently 10 members short of positive growth for the year and that is the last requirement we need to complete for recognition as a 2010 Quality Lodge.

The properties committee has approved the concept for the addition of lean-to's and a program shelter at Camp Stonehaven which will be designed and built under the leadership of Falling Waters Chapter. The lodge is in the process of completing the application for a National Service Grant to help Falling Waters finance this project and I will keep you up to date on the process as more information becomes available.

The membership of the lodge has also worked very hard this year to support the council and

our camps. We have recorded more than 2000 service hours above last years totals and we are not done yet. Next year should be even better, we will have at least two additional opportunities for cheerful service. The first is SummitCorps which will take place at the new national scout reservation in West Virginia next July. The lodge is planning on sending a contingent and more information will be coming out very soon. The second opportunity is Legacy 11, this will be a project similar to Arrowcorps 5 which was held a few years ago, but this time it will be conducted in Western New York.

Mona Lloyd and her committee have a great event planned for next fall and I encourage everyone to take part in this unique opportunity.

As a lot of you know, I am always saying the OA is not all work, IT'S FUN TOO. So mark your calendars, Friday December 10 will be our annual bowling night, this year it will be held at Thruway Lanes in Cheektowaga. The annual Vigil breakfast is December 18<sup>th</sup> and the fliers and registration info are on the web. Our annual Winter Fellowship is planned for February 18, 19 & 20 at Camp Stonehaven, plans are already being made and it looks like it will be more fun than ever before. Last but not least,

the annual lodge banquet will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Bowmansville Fire Hall. The committee planning this year's event has proposed some changes to make it a more enjoyable evening for all.

So as I close this article, I just want to say, to our new members, Welcome, to our returning members, Welcome Back and to everyone who has been supporting the lodge in any way, Thank you.

Have a good Holiday

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Cheerfulness and Service

Jerry Sullivan II



## *A Word From The Advisor of Seneca*



Brothers,  
I want to thank everyone who turned out for the Seneca Work Weekend at Camp Scout-haven. I am happy to report that the CURSE OF THE PINEBOWL, has been lifted.

The weather cooperated and the Ceremonial Team was able to induct 4 new Ordeal members and convert 7 new Brotherhood members. The ceremonial fire burnt brightly and warmed the cool September night. At the conclusion to the night's ceremonies, the lights were turned on in the Pinebowl and it was magical! Thanks to all those who stayed and helped to clean up the after the end of the ceremony.

I want to thank Dan Berger, and his able associate advisor Keith Lang, in preparing our new ceremonial team members, in replacing our veteran team members who have moved on to college. If any youth member, of the Seneca Chapter, is interested in joining the ceremonial team please contact Mr. Berger. The Ceremonial team meets once monthly, at Blessed John Church at the corner of Harlem Road and Arcade St. in West Seneca.

Thanks to Mike Hines, for stepping forward and acting as Elongamat to our new 4 Ordeal members.

To the Kitchen Crew, under the able guidance of Jamie Prowse, thanks for letting me

help out in the kitchen. I have a whole new respect and appreciation for how hard the kitchen crew works and the effort that goes into the creation of the delicious meals they serve at every work weekend.

To the regular members, thanks! It is because of your dedication, year in and year out, that these work weekends are always so successful.

2010 is drawing to a close and we have almost reached our goal of Quality Lodge. The Lodge needs your help now! If you, as a Brotherhood or Vigil member, have not paid your dues PLEASE pay them now! If you know any Brotherhood or Vigil members who haven't paid their dues for 2010 or have let their membership lapse, remind them the cost is only \$10. There is no requirement to pay back dues.

While 2010 may be drawing to a close there are still plenty of opportunities for service to our Lodge, Chapter and Council.

Want to get involved in the Seneca Chapter, there are opportunities to serve as Youth Chairmen and Adult Advisors or as members of our election teams.

\*Election Training is scheduled for Dec 13th at GNFC headquarters @ 6:30 PM. Elections are so very important, without elections the

Lodge and Chapter will not grow and will eventually die of attrition.

\* November 19th and 20th is Popcorn distribution. Seneca Chapter is helping to distribute the popcorn on the 20th, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at Mills Distribution @ Quaker Crossings, in Orchard Park. Contact Herb Schimdt as district exec of Red Jacket.

Seneca Chapter meeting are every 3rd Wednesday of the Month. The meetings in November and December will be held at Blessed John Church at the corner of Harlem Road and Arcade St. in West Seneca. Meetings are from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. If you have any ideas for future guest speakers please let me know so we can make all necessary arrangements.

WWW,  
Patrick Quinn  
Seneca Chapter Advisor

## A Word From The Advisor of Falling Waters



Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a great time camping and enjoying this great weather we are having on the Niagara Frontier. I know I love this time of year. School has started as have our busy schedules and with that being said we still need to try to make it a point to promote camping in all of our Council Troops and Packs. If you know of a Unit or you yourself would like a representative from the 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.

We have been asked to help out with the Popcorn distribution this year and Polaris District Units need to pick-up their popcorn on November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. So we are currently looking for youth and adults to help out. If you are interested please contact Lenora Stepp @ (716) 891-4073

I want to extend a big **Thank You** to all of our members that came out to our

Service weekends this fall and completed their Ordeal and especially for those that made the commitment and converted to Brotherhood. This not only helps you in your commitment to the Lodge but it helps the Lodge as well as we move even closer to achieving Quality Lodge.

It's not too early to start planning now for your Troop's OA election. Submit your requested date and time and we'll be more than happy to come out and conduct your election. All this information can be found on the G.N.F.C. website on the Order of the Arrow page.

Upcoming events for the Lodge are as follows; Lodge Bowling Night December 10 at Thruway Lanes, Winter Fellowship at Camp Stonehaven February 18-20 2011, OA Broomball March 18 (location TBD), and Legacy 11 next summer.

Falling Waters Chapter has a new meeting place. 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 November 9, and December 14 with a start time of 7PM. Look for more info on future meetings in the next newsletter.

We are still looking for a youth and adult to run our Chapter Trading Post during Chapter meetings and Chapter events. If you are interested please contact me ASAP.

Talk with your fellow brothers and come out and give us a try. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Chapter meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM. Feel free to discuss with me your thoughts or ideas for the chapter anytime. If you have any questions about any of the events, open chapter positions or the Chapter in general, please feel free to contact me at [emilitello@roadrunner.com](mailto:emilitello@roadrunner.com) or by phone (716) 625-4216. We are the brotherhood of honor campers.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Eric Militello (Tuney)

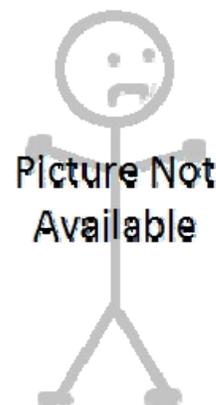
## A Word From The Advisor of Service

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that came out to our fall induction/service weekends. It was really great to see several people take advantage of the two-fer deal and help out at two different camps. We accomplished a lot of service to our camps thanks to nice weather for most of the day on both weekends. Thanks also goes out to those that helped out at the Webelows Extreme and Cub-oree. Our lodge now has a total of 6646

hours of service this year, which works out to 7.99 hours per person. This puts us in good position in applying for a national service award grant to help out with a project at one of our camps. The project we are looking at is rebuilding the two dilapidated lean-toos at Stone Haven. We are looking for a new Vice Chief for Service as Dan Quinn has now resigned this position. If you think you would like to help out, let your Lodge Chief, Fred Briggs know. We will

very shortly be taking a deposit with sign up for next years Summit Corps-The New River Experience is a service adventure from the Order of the Arrow, similar to Arrow-Corps5 and the OA High Adventure Programs. We will be going July 17th-23rd along with a contingent from our Section.

Advisor for Witahemui  
Rick Tornow



## *A Word From The Advisor of Elections*

Hello all,

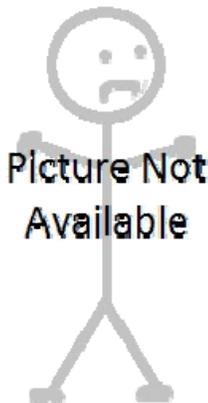
As fall and winter close in on us my thoughts start turning to unit elections which start in January. If you are interested in working with your chapter's election teams, the Lodge is holding election training on Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Council Service Center. Please join us for the fun. We will also be doing the training for camp promotions which we should be doing when we do go out to a unit

for their elections. I would like to welcome Associate Elections Advisor Michael Simkins on the elections train. We would like the youth to know that we are looking for one of you to come on board as our Elections Chair. Our last chair was Chris Swagler from Falling Waters and he has moved on to Chapter Chief. My best to Chris but that now opens up a position for YOU! Have you wanted to become a bit more involved, well this may be the opportunity you've been wait-

ing for. It's not difficult and you get to work with two fun adults along with all the election teams from the chapters. What a way to increase your circle of friends. If you are interested or just want to talk about it you can get in touch with me at [larryj1300@verizon.net](mailto:larryj1300@verizon.net) or my cell phone at 716-912-9640 or you can contact our Lodge Chief Fred Briggs directly.

Y.I.B.

Larry Jones



## *A Word From The Vice-Chief of Program*

Brothers,

First off I would like to say thank you to everyone who made the summer fellowship possible, you were all a lot of help. And thank you to everyone who attended the Fellowship I got nothing but great reviews. As far as upcoming

events, We have Lodge Bowling Dec 10th at Thruway Lanes on Walden Ave, between Harlem and the Galleria. The early bird is \$17 until Dec 3, Dec 4-10 it is \$20 per person and all walk ins are \$22. Non-bowlers are \$6. I encourage everyone to attend lodge bowling, it will be lots of fun. Keep an eye out

for upcoming news on the Winter fellowship at Camp Stonehaven and Lodge Broom Ball.

WWW,

Brandon Minicucci

Vice-Chief of Program



## *A Word From The Advisor of Onondaga*

Hello all,

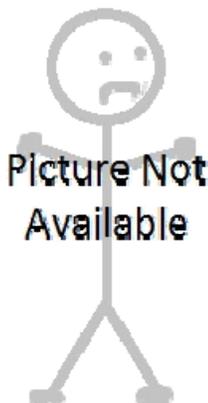
The change of seasons is upon us and the final induction weekends are over. I want welcome all of our new members from this year and remind you to join us for any of our fun events over the winter season. Make sure you check out the calendar for dates and times of the events and as they get closer flyers will be posted on our website [www.oalodge159.org](http://www.oalodge159.org) and on the council calendar and

website [www.wnyscouting.org](http://www.wnyscouting.org) in the Order of the Arrow part of programs. I would also like to thank all of our members, new and old who did make it to at least one of our induction weekends for all your service to our camps. Finally I would like to extend a welcome to our 8 new Vigil Honor Members who were inducted at the Lodge's Summer Fellowship among them fellow Onondagan's Phil Pyrak and Gary

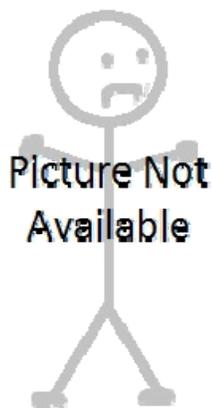
Roncone. Until we meet each other on the trails.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Larry Jones



## *A Word From The Chapter Chief of Falling Waters*



### **Greetings from Falling Waters and Chris Swagler, your 2010/2011 Chapter Chief**

As of this writing, we have finished a very small but successful Ordeal Weekend at Camp Stonehaven, completing projects that continue to help maintain the camp. This fall, despite the rain, we were able to complete the following...install 2 new drain pipes under the upper road, paint the latrine by Safari, mow & weed wack, paint the sign out on Route 425 and do some electrical wiring in the Leaders Lodge. We also had 2 new ordeal members and 12 brotherhood members inducted to our Lodge. Many thanks to the ceremonial team led by Mr. Rositter and Bates for making the quick change to Cabin 2. They did a great job at the last minute creating a memorable ceremony in a small space.

If you didn't make it out to our last Chapter meeting in September, please remember that the November 9th and December 14th meetings will be held at the Gander Mountain store on Youngs St. in Tonawanda at 7pm. We are trying to create a theme at each meeting and will have use of the archery range or access to

other store training that we haven't had in the past. Our goal is to see more people have some fun at these meetings. Bring a fellow OA member.

In our chapter, we are still looking for someone to help with the Trading post at our events and weekends. The job is fairly easy but just takes someone to watch over it.

This fall, we have also been busy working on our application to National OA for a 2010 service grant. A limited number of service grants are made available each year to those Lodges that fulfill the requirements of Quality Lodge. Last spring, we had talked about building a Campmaster building at Stonehaven but unfortunately, the newer building codes drove our cost well over the \$20,000 limit of the service grant program. We decided in our October chapter meeting and were approved by the Lodge at the LEC and the Council to submit a request for funding of 2 new lean to's and a small pavilion to be used as a program area at Stonehaven. We are estimating the project to be under \$20,000 and we could

be eligible for a maximum grant of \$5,000 if we win the award from National OA. If selected, we would begin fundraising this winter with the goal of breaking ground in the spring. We would also remove two of the oldest, unusable lean to's that are between Leaders Lodge and Lodge 1. Let's keep our fingers crossed...we should have an answer by January 2011! Ask Santa for a hammer...we'll need everyone's help to pull this project together.

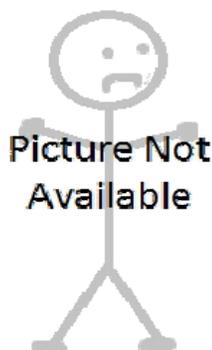
Don't forget to join us at the next chapter meeting and at Lodge Bowling on December 10th at Thruway Lanes. Watch for the flyer on the Lodge website in early November. If you know of any Brotherhood members that haven't paid their dues, please ask them to do so. We want to get Quality Lodge for 2011 as well. Please also mark November 19th as the day the OA helps unload the Popcorn delivery trucks at Speed Transportation on Military Rd. Watch for more information on the GMFC website.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Chris Swagler*

[cswags@verizon.net](mailto:cswags@verizon.net)

## *A Word From The Advisor of Training*



### **OA Election Training Update:**

I would like to welcome Jim Prowse as our new Training Chairperson!

We have upcoming training on Monday, December 13th at the Council Service Center from 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Youth Members, please let Jim

Prowse or myself know if you want to help refresh the Lodge on the right way

to promote, schedule and put on Lodge Elections, or teach new members. All our welcome! We can always use

new faces to help with the Elections. We want to con-

tinue to grow our Lodge.

Look for more information at an upcoming LEC or in the Long House Messenger.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Mrs. Wojcinski

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# November 2010

## Schedule of Events

- 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) LEC @ CSC	2)	3)	4) ON Meeting	5)	6)
7)	8)	9) FW Meeting	10)	11)	12)	13)
14)	15)	16)	17) SN Meeting	18)	19)	20)
21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27)
28)	29)	30)				

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center, LEC - Lodge Executive Committee, FW - Falling Waters Chapter, ON - Onondaga Chapter, SN - Seneca Chapter

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.

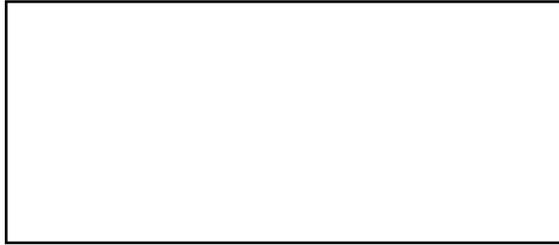
In the spirit of pioneers like Washington, Jefferson and our brothers who served in ArrowCorp5, join us for the adventure that will benefit others for their lifetime.

In the Wimachtendenk,

Kevin Backer

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