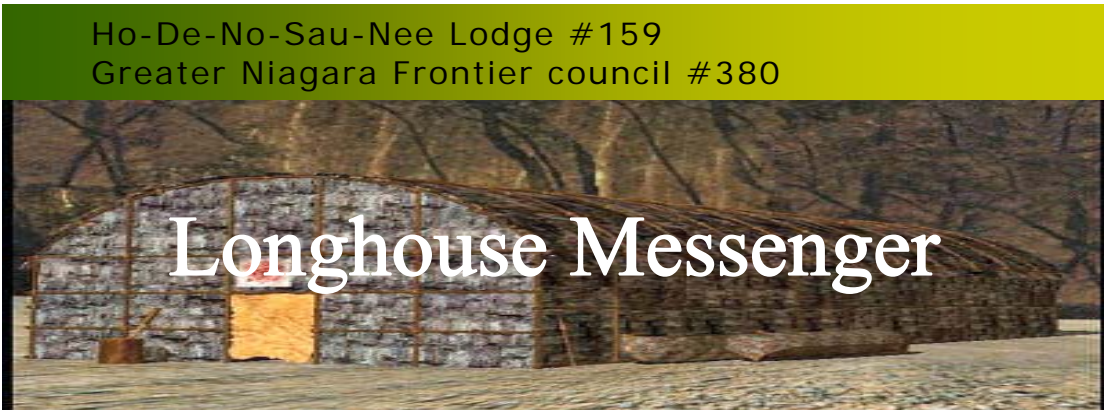




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A Word From The Lodge Advisor

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Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- 2011 is here, so don't forget to talk to your chapter chief about scheduling your troop's election
- We hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you all had a safe & enjoyable holiday season.

As most of you know, the lodge just completed a very successful year. Every one of our events posted a higher attendance rate than the year before and we achieved Quality Lodge for the second year in a row. In doing so we also helped Section NE3A achieve Quality Section with our own Jim Prowse as Section Chief so congratulations and thank you for all of your help.

2011 is just starting so that means we now have many events on our calendar, the Winter Fellowship is in a few weeks, so is our annual Lodge Banquet which is open to any family or friends of the O.A.. We are participating in the University of Scouting again as a Lodge and Broomball is only 6 weeks away. The dates and registration information for these events are available on the lodge website or in the lobby of the Council office so sign up now. Remember, to attend and participate in one of these "Fun" events as a member, you must have paid your 2011 dues which can be done, on-line, by mail or in person at the Council office or any chapter or lodge event.

Our Chapter election teams are in the process of scheduling & conducting elections throughout the council. If your

unit has not scheduled one yet, please encourage your troop leadership to do it soon.

On a final note, there are several dates you should be aware of and put on your calendars, our spring induction weekends are scheduled for May 20-22 at Stonehaven and June 17-19 at SSR & Scouthaven. As in the past, we will be running a special offer for people who want to attend more than one weekend, watch for more details in the near future. The last two events I want to mention are Legacy 11 which will be held in western New York this October on Columbus Day weekend and NOAC 2012 which will be held at Michigan State University at the end of July 2012. Both of these events will be an opportunity for OA members to show everyone what scouting is all about. Please plan on participating.



Yours in Brotherhood,

Jerry Sullivan II
Lodge Advisor



Happy
Valentine's Day!

A Word From The Advisor of Falling Waters

Greetings Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope Santa Claus was good to everyone and each of you had a great Christmas and Holiday. With the New Year upon us and the holidays behind us it's time to reflect on how this Scouting year has unfolded thus far. Has your Troop re-chartered on time? Have you been camping on a monthly basis? Have you tried to promote our Council camps and encouraged your fellow scouts to attend summer camp? Have you shared your Cheerful Spirit with all that come in contact with you? Have you reached out and performed some Cheerful Service to a needy organization or family? Have you contacted a Brother and offered to bring him/her to a meeting or fun event? These are some of the questions we as members of this brotherhood should be asking ourselves as we look ahead to the next half of this scouting year. Let's try to improve on where we left off.

It's not too early to start planning now for your Troop's OA election. Falling Waters

Ordeal weekend is May 20 – 22 this year so the earlier you have your elections the better. 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 Lodge events are as follows; Winter Fellowship weekend February 18-20th at Stonehaven, University of Scouting March 5th at ECC North, Lodge Banquet March 6th at Bowmansville Fire Hall, and then there is the always competitive Broomball tournament March 12th at Nichols, so start thinking now on getting your team together, it's sure to be a fun time.

2011 Lodge dues are now being accepted. The cost is still \$10 and if you have missed paying your dues in the past, not to worry, you only need to pay this year's dues to re-establish your paid membership status. So, please help the lodge and pay your dues.

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.

Our monthly Chapter Meetings are held at Gander Mountain on Youngs Rd in Tonawanda. The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from now until June 14 which will be our last meeting for the summer.

Talk with your fellow brothers and come out to one of our meetings or a fun event and I can promise you, you won't be disappointed. 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 or by phone (716) 625-4216 or our Chapter Chief Chris Swagler at cwags@verizon.net.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Militello (Tuney)
Falling Waters Chapter Advisor



A Word From The Advisor of Service



Hello everyone, I am happy to announce that Frank Sillence has agreed to step up and fill the slot of Vice Chief of Service. He will start after he is confirmed at our next LEC in February and finish the term that ends this June. If you see him congratulate him and encourage him to continue on next year. One of our first opportunities to give service is coming up Friday after-

noon-evening March 4th setting up for University of Scouting at ECC North. Please come out and give us a hand. It's not too early to make sure our spring service weekends are on your calendar, again this year we are offering a two-fer deal, something we have been getting more people to take advantage of lately, and it would be great to see even more people at two weekends

helping out. Falling Waters is hoping to kick off a big project building a couple of Lean-Tos and a shelter up at Stone Haven, and we could use all the help we can get with this project.

Yours in WWW
Rick Tornow
Advisor to Vice Chief Of Service

February 2011

Schedule of Events

- *March 6th : Lodge Banquet*
- *March 12th : Lodge Broomball*
- *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) LEC @ CSC	8) FW Meeting	9)	10)	11) ON Meeting	12)
13)	14)	15)	16) SN Meeting	17)	18)	19)
20)	21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)
27)	28)					

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

Did You Know...

That the lodge has over 20 dues paying Ordeal members who were inducted between 1970 and 1999 who have still not sealed their membership by converting to brotherhood.

That you don't have to attend an entire Induction weekend to convert to Brotherhood. If arrangements are made in advance with the lodge, you can arrive as late as 3:00 pm on Saturday and still fulfill the requirements necessary to seal your membership and convert to Brotherhood.

That the Youth members of the Lodge changed the By-laws to eliminate the requirement to pay back dues if a former member wanted to become active in the lodge again.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO NOW TO RE-ACTIVATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS PAY THIS YEARS DUES which is \$10.

That you can pay your dues and the registration fees for most of the lodge run activities on line through the council website.

That Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee lodge is the largest lodge in our section with 840 members last year, the smallest lodge in the section has 150 members.

That the lodge provided over 7200 hours of service to the council and our camps last year. We averaged 8.60 hours per member which is almost 3 times the amount required in the Quality Lodge program.

That the lodge does camp promotion presentations year round and if your unit is interested in having the OA visit and talk about camping and where to go camping, all you need to do is contact any lodge officer or advisor for assistance.

A Word From The Advisor of Seneca



Greetings Seneca Brothers,

It is that most wonderful time of the year, It is OA Election Season! OA elections can be held from January 1st through April 30th. Has your troop booked an OA election yet? NO! Then contact me at phquinn@msn.com or on my cell phone (716 997 6242), as soon as possible. January is already past and not one Seneca Chapter OA election was held. If you are in the Red Jacket District then your troop in the Seneca Chapter of Lodge 159. Remember if our OA Lodge to remain healthy, it needs to have an influx of new Arrowmen every year.

2011 Lodge dues are now being accepted. The cost is still \$10 and if you have missed paying your dues in the past, not to worry, you only need to pay this year's dues to re-establish your paid membership status. So, please help the lodge and pay your dues. More importantly, you have to be a dues paying member to participate in all the FUN upcoming events.

Dues will be collected at all Seneca Chapter meetings, the 3rd

Wednesday of every month. In case you have forgotten the Seneca Chapter meets in the community room at Southgate Plaza, West Seneca NY. Meetings are from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. If you missed January's meeting, you missed seeing your fellow Arrowmen try their hands at various game featured on the game show "One Minute to Win It". Come to February's meeting for more fun and excitement.

Well one month of winter is done and only two months to go. If you are in need of a break from shoveling snow and like to eat like kings and play cards till dawn come to the Lodge Winter Fellowship at Stone Haven February 18-20th. This year's theme is Disney meets One Minute to Win it. I don't like to brag, but Seneca has won the completion between the 3 chapters for the last 3 years. So, come on out and continue the winning streak.

Coming in March:

The University of Scouting March 5th at ECC North. The Lodge will have a Trading Post Table and will be conducting classes, about the OA for youth and adults.

The Lodge Banquet is March 6th at Bowmansville Fire Hall. This is your chance to meet your fellow Arrowmen and your chance to be elected as a youth leader to or vote for the youth who will lead our lodge into 2011—2012.

If that isn't enough, then there is the always competitive Broomball tournament March 12th at Nichols, so start thinking now on getting your team together, it's sure to be a fun time. Troops 616 and 411 tied as winners of last year's tournament, so I look forward to seeing who will be crowned this year's victor.

Coming in May and June:

Falling Waters Chapter OA Ordeal Work Weekend, May 20-22nd at Stone Haven.

Seneca Chapter OA Ordeal Work Weekend, June 17-19th at Scout Haven.

Onondaga Chapter OA Ordeal Work Weekend, June 17-19th at Schoellkopf.

WWW,

Pat Quinn - Seneca Chapter Advisor

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A Word From The Seneca Chapter Chief

Hello everyone.

For those who don't know me, my name is James Dolan and I am the new chapter chief for Seneca Chapter. I'd like to welcome everyone to a great new year in the OA. I also want to send out some reminders of upcoming events.

First off is the Winter Fellowship, which is the weekend of February 18th to the 20th. For those who wish to go, please sign up quickly. I especially encourage any of our new members to go as it is assured to be a great time. Another upcoming event is the Lodge Dinner, which is on

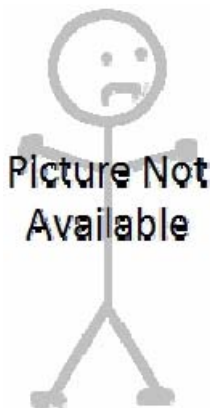
March 6th. Lodge Broomball is coming up as well. Be sure to get a team together if you are going, or you can surely find a team when you get there. Broomball will be on March 12th. More information on these and other events can be found on the oalodge159.org website.

And for all members, remember that your dues are due. Please get them in as soon as possible. If you have been an Arrowman for at least 10 months, or are soon to have been a member for 10 months, I advise you to seal your membership as a Brotherhood member. These are impor-

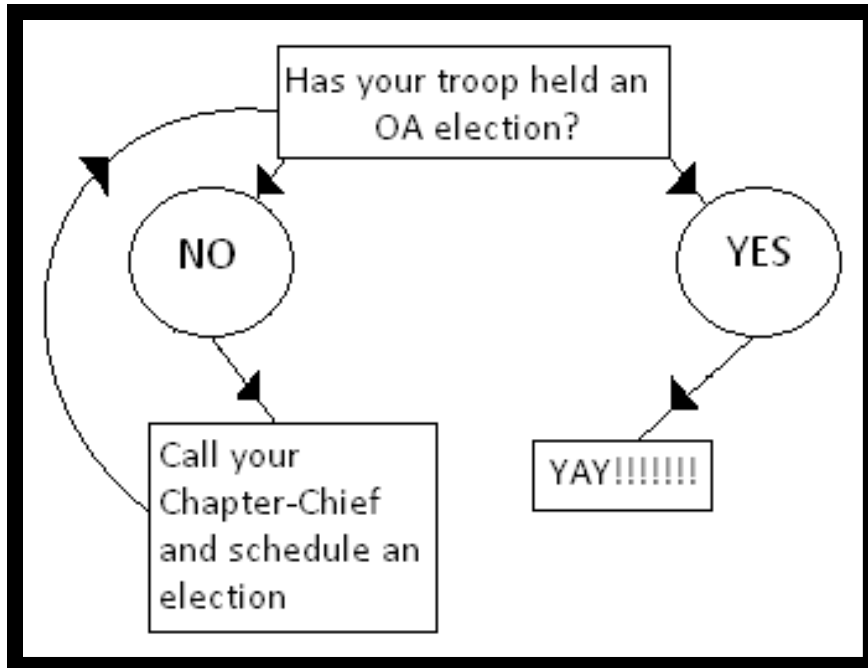
tant transactions to help us achieve Quality Lodge. Troops that have scouts eligible for induction into the Order can quality lodge can request a unit election by contacting an officer of your chapter or submitting an on line request at http://oalodge159.org/forms/election_request_11.pdf

I hope to see many members at these events, and hopefully see some new faces as well. I wish everyone a good time as a member of the Order of the Arrow. WWW

James Dolan



How To Hold An OA Election For Your Troop



A Word From The Communications Chairman



Hello, readers of this fabulous newsletter, I would just like to take this paragraph to tell you a little about myself. I am Sean Jones, a first-year Computer Engineering major at the Rochester Institute of Technology. In the OA, I have been the Chapter Chief of Onondaga, Lodge Chief, and currently the Communications Chairman. I enjoy being a part of this lodge and having fun at every event. It has been a great experience since I joined.

Now, on to business. As the editor of this newsletter, I would like to inform you that you too can be a part of making this newsletter. Shocking? I know. All it takes is to write an

article and send it to me. After I read it over and edit it to the format of this newsletter, you and all of your brothers of the lodge could be reading your article.

Articles should be informative and readers should gain something from reading it. Your article can be any length. You can write an article that is a paragraph or you can have a whole page dedicated to yourself, like the guys on pages 2 and 4.

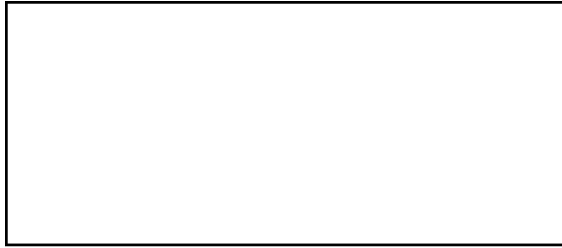
By reading this newsletter, you can see that the majority of writers are adults. Ideally, youth members should be the ones writing all of the articles because the Order of the Arrow

is a youth-led organization, so is boy scouts for that matter. As such, I, as well as many other readers, would appreciate hearing from more youth.

Hopefully I have gotten many of you thinking about what you should write and submit for a future newsletter. I am sure that what ever you end up writing will be entertaining for all readers.

Any questions, articles, or anything else that you can think of can be sent to my email at sjones159@verizon.net.


WWW,
Sean Jones



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