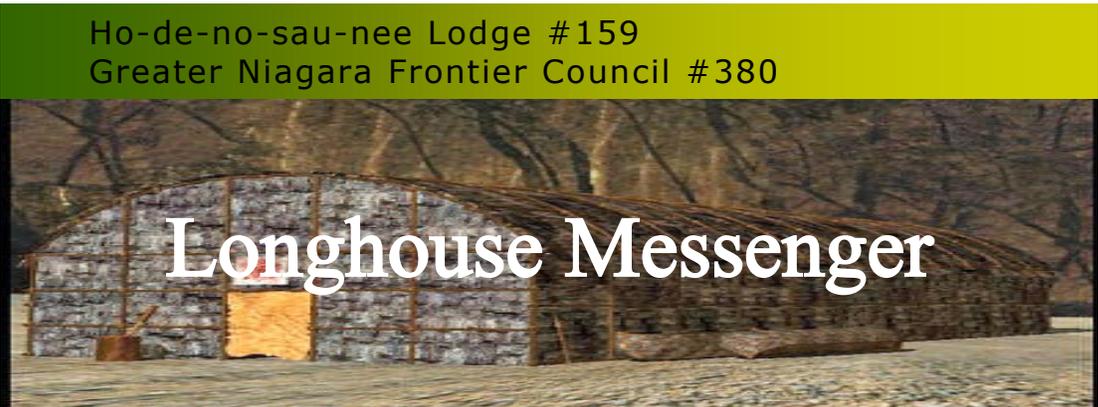




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# Longhouse Messenger

## *A Word From The Lodge Chief*

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### Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events.
- Don't forget to take a look at the website for any lodge updates. [oalodge159.com](http://oalodge159.com)
- We wish you a happy holidays!

Brothers,

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has been doing a lot to help the lodge. Brotherhood Sunday was an amazing success and I would like to thank everyone who helped make it possible. I would also like to say welcome and congratulations to our seventeen new brotherhood members. I hope to see you all at upcoming events. For upcoming events, there is bowling coming up in December, so make sure you register as soon

as you can so we can plan accordingly.

The lean-to project is coming along well. The two concrete pads for the lean-to's and the supports for the shelter are finished. The first lean-to is set to be finished by the end of this year. Thanks to all those who have helped with the project.

Thanks again to everyone and I hope to see you all soon.

WWW,

James Dolan



## *A Word From the Lodge Advisor*

Brothers

As the end of the year approaches, we need to look back at our year in the lodge and reflect on where we started, what we have accomplished and where we are now. Once we have done that, we need to look at where we want to be in the future.

In January we started the year as a quality lodge, one of 4 in the section, our membership had grown a little over last year and attendance at our events was better than the year before, and the Lean-to project at Stonehaven was still fundraising, so things looked good. This year, we have increased attendance again at our events, sent 28 people to the section conclave, 42 people to NOAC, raised our Brotherhood conver-

sion rate thanks to a successful Brotherhood Sunday and last but not least while fundraising efforts still continue, we have broken ground at Stonehaven and the foundations are in place for the first two lean-to's and the shelter. SO at first glance things look even better than 2011 and they are.

However, we are still short of enough dues paying members to achieve positive growth toward Journey to Excellence. This is where you can help, is there someone in your unit who has not paid their 2012 dues, do you have a friend at work or who someone else you know through scouting who may have not paid their dues this year, if so, or if you are not sure ask them, if they haven't done so yet, it's not too late, Help us

help the lodge, dues can be paid on line through the council or lodge websites, in person at the scout office or by mail, everyone we get to do this will help the lodge meet it's 2012 goals and allow us to take advantage of opportunities available only to quality lodges.

No matter what happens with our JTE quest, it has been a good year for the lodge and it is due to you and our youth leadership. Please continue to support our youth and our programs as they support your units, districts and our council.

Have a good holiday and stay safe

Jerry

## *A Word From The Advisor of Seneca*

Well it's the start of another Scouting Year and a time for some change. The Youth of the Seneca chapter are looking to make Chapter Meetings fun and interactive. The November Chapter meeting presentation was given by Mr. Prowse and his favorite subject "EUCHRE", how to

play the game and strategies of playing. In December there will be a Euchre tournament to show off your skills. We need you to help build the chapter and make these events fun. We are still looking to schedule a HAZMAT demonstration where things go BOOM and POP! December also has an-

other fun activity Lodge Bowling being held at Thruway Lanes, it's a fun time for all. Look for E-mail Blasts as dates gets closer! Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southgate Plaza Community Room. Hope to see you soon!

Yours in the Vigil;

Dennis Smigiera

Seneca Chapter Advisor

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

Greetings Brothers,

My name is John Sosnowski and I am the Falling Waters Chapter Chief. Falling Waters Chapter is Polaris District's Order of the Arrow Chapter. Currently, our lodge is working on our lean-to project in Stonehaven. So far two

lean-to foundations are completed and the supports of the shelter are in place. Soon we will need help building the lean-tos, a blast email will be sent notifying you when. Please help our project by donating time or resources and all help is appreciated. The next Falling Waters

Chapter meeting will be on December 11 at 7:00 pm inside of Gander Mountain, 880 Young Street, Tonawanda.

If you have any questions please contact me at [falling.waters.chief@oalodge159.com](mailto:falling.waters.chief@oalodge159.com).

WWW,

John Sosnowski

Chapter Chief

Falling Waters

## *A Word From The Seneca Chapter Chief*

Brothers,

I would first like to thank all members, who participated in or attended our past couple of events and meetings. Their participation and service to the chapter have been greatly appreciated. These past couple months have been a productive and exciting experience for myself and the Seneca Chapter. We have inducted several new members into our chapter who I hope to see at all of our future events. We also had a couple members make their brotherhood conversion at this last induction weekend. I would like to congratulate them.

At this time I would like to announce a couple of upcoming events that are open to all

members. The next Seneca Chapter meeting will be held on December 19 from 7 to 9PM at Blessed John XXIII parish hall, located at the corner of Harlem Rd and Arcade St. We be having a short meeting followed by a Euchre Tournament run by Mr. Prowse. This will also be our Christmas Party, all members are invited for a night of fun, games, and prizes. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Lodge Bowling will be held on December 14 at 7:00 at Thruway Lanes on Walden Ave. I'm hoping the Seneca Chapter has the biggest turnout. Let's start getting those Seneca Chapter broom ball teams together, I'm sure the winning team is out there among us some-

where. Check the OA website or dates and prices.

Also I would like to invite each of our members to consider taking up a vice-chief

position for our chapter. This is an excellent way to continue our commitment to service. It is also a terrific way to gain leadership experience and have some fun in the process. The vice chief of promotions and vice chief of elections positions are still available. If you have any questions or are unsure of what the job consists of, feel free to contact Mr. Smigiera or myself. Our chapter ceremonial team is also looking for new members. So if you have any theatrical experience or think you have what it takes please come out

and give it a try. I myself am a member and believe it is a wonderful experience. Anyone interested please contact the ceremonial chair Mr. Daniel Berger or myself.

I hope to see all members at these up-and-coming events. I also hope to see more Seneca members possibly joining our committee and/or team. For any chapter to succeed participation is key. I hope for all of your help and support in making the Seneca chapter the best it's ever been. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Lucas

Seneca Chapter Chief

# December 2012

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2)	3) LEC @ CSC	4)	5)	6) ON Meeting	7)	8)
9)	10)	11) FW Meeting	12)	13)	14) OA Bowling	15)
16)	17)	18)	19) SN Meeting	20)	21)	22)
23)	24)	25)	26)	27)	28)	29)
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- Dec. 14: Lodge Bowling @ Thrway Lanes in Cheektowaga
- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months

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

## A Word From The Onondaga Advisor

Brothers,

The year is almost over and looking back it was jam packed with fun and service. I hope you had the opportunity to join us for at some point during the year. Fu was had by all at broomball, the section conclave and our summer fellowship. The lodge provided many hours of service to our three camps and hosted our usual OA Day ice cream socials each week of summer camp at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation. The big events this year were NOAC at Michigan State University 42 members of the lodge enjoyed

a week of great training and fun events around the campus including a great show each night and patch trading aplenty. On the camp end ground was broken, concrete pads poured and the supports were laid for the lean-to project at Stonehaven. If you have the time there are plenty of opportunities to help as construction of the first lean-to will begin soon. We will be wrapping up the year our annual Lodge Bowling night, check our calendar for all the details. Coming up next year will be more of the same fun we always have and one of our

camps will be celebrating a great anniversary. Schoellkopf Scout Reservation will be celebrating 75 years of service to our council and countless numbers of scouts that have passed through its gates. Make sure you schedule time to spend a weekend or a week of summer camp there this Diamond Jubilee year. "Sto Lat," SSR, may you be around for another 100 years of scouting. Please have a wonderful and safe holiday season and hope to see all my friends at one of our events.

Yours in the brotherhood,  
Larry Jones  
Onondaga Chapter Advisor



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