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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.org

Hello Brothers,

As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for everything you've done for the lodge. This lodge wouldn't be able to run without the help of its members, and I am grateful that we have so many members who are willing to be active. I always enjoy seeing many people, ranging from new ordeals to returning vigils, coming out and having a fun time with their fellow brothers. I am also glad that so many youth have willingly become active on the Lodge Executive Committee to help make a difference.

As always, I'm happy to see so many members coming out to the work weekends to partake in cheerful service. This year, the lodge has done over four thousand hours of service to the council; including the

hours of work up at the Stonehaven Lean to Project. Thanks to all of the individuals who have helped a great deal with the project. All of your hours of hard work are greatly appreciated.

As I write about the end of this year, it is also appropriate for me to discuss next year. As always, the lodge has many fun activities planned; such as the Winter Fellowship, Broomball, The Lodge Banquet, The Section Conclave, as well as other upcoming events. If you wish to sign up for any events, please visit the lodge website at oalodge159.com.

As you come out to the fun events, please also remember that there are events for the benefit of the lodge. One such example is the tote washes. For those who don't know what a tote wash is, it is when mem-

bers of the lodge go to McKesson Pharmaceutical, (the next Tote Wash is January 5, 2013. Details and address are available on the lodge website). While there, they unstuck shipping totes, peel the labels off, power wash, dry, and restack the totes. It is a major fundraiser for the lodge and the more help we have, the more totes we can wash. So please come out and help support the lodge.

I hope to see you all out at lodge events in the future. Until then, have a safe, and enjoyable holiday season. Happy holidays, and a happy new year.

WWW,
James Dolan

A Word From The Activities Chair

Hello Brothers,

I would like to thank all the arrowmen who have come out to the recent fellowship activities. The summer fellowship and the lodge bowling night both had great attendance. They were both fun and I think everyone had a great time. I encourage all

arrowmen to come out to the winter fellowship. If you just recently got your ordeal or you just haven't been to a fellowship weekend in a while come out to camp Stonehaven February 15th to the 17th. The winter fellowship is always a fun time and this year we will have a new theme and totally different ac-

tivities from last year. We're going to work very hard to make this the best time that anyone has had at a winter fellowship in a while. I hope to see you there.

Noah Gould

Activities Coordinator.

A Word From The Onondaga Advisor

Brothers,

It's hard to believe but winter, Christmas and the New Year is upon us and with that a whole new season of fun Lodge events loom on the horizon. It's also the time to renew your yearly dues for 2013. I do hope that your year was full of fun and happiness and that the New Year brings even more. I have had a wonderful time this past year meeting a number of you for the first time and renewing friend-

ships with the rest of you at a number of our lodge, district and council events. The New Year also brings our unit election season which runs January 2nd through April 30th. Unit leaders and SPL's, if you would like to schedule an election for your unit, look for the form in the council office or you can use the online form which is being readied at this moment. If you cannot find either please feel free to email me at lar-rvj1300@gmail.com or you can

ring my cell phone at 716-912-9640 and I will hook you up with a date for your election. Speaking of elections it is almost time for the Lodge to elect its new set of officers for the year. The election takes place at the Annual Lodge Banquet on Sunday March 3rd. If you are interested in running for one of the elected positions, please fill out the nomination form found on the Lodge website at <http://www.oalodge159.org/> and

submit them to the Lodge before the February Lodge Executive Committee meeting. Please have a wonderful holiday season and I will see you down the road in the New Year.

WWW

Larry Jones

A Word From The Elangomat Chairman

Hello. My name is Tyler Simkins. I am 16, and I am the current lodge Elangomat chairmen. Elangomats are people who go through the ordeal process with the new candidates. They go through all the test of the ordeal, such as the vow of silence and scant food. They are there to encourage and support the candidates, acting as role models. After the ordeal is over, they keep in touch with the new members. They let the new members know what's going

on, such as upcoming events, campouts and things like that. My job is to find people who are willing to be Elangomats. The after they volunteer, I make sure they have everything they need to do their job well. I myself have served as an Elangomat 5 times. I have also found and helped 5 people become Elangomats, including three Seneca members and 1 Onondaga member in the 2012 spring ordeal weekends. Elangomats help keep new members involved in the

order. It is easy to stay in touch with the order, when you have someone contacting you often, telling you what's going on in the order. If the Elangomats do a good job, then they can earn an Elangomat service award, which is worn on your uniform. My goals for this year are to have at least 1 Elangomat at all ordeal weekends, in both the spring and the fall. I am always looking for volunteers to be Elangomats, from any of the three chapters. It is a lot of

fun, and you get to meet a bunch of new people. Anyone who is interested in being an Elangomat can contact me via E-Mail at activities@oalodge159.com

December 2012

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1)
2)	3)	4)	5)	6)	7)	8)
9)	10)	11)	12)	13)	14)	15)
16)	17)	18)	19) Sen Meeting	20)	21)	22)
23) / (30	24) / (31	25)	26)	27)	28)	29) Vigil Breakfast

- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months
- Seneca Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, at Blessed John 23rd in Winchester (<http://goo.gl/maps/QdJih>) @ 7 PM. Beside the Chapter meeting we will be having our Holiday party. We will also be holding a Euchre Tournament with prizes for the winners.
- Vigil Breakfast: 8:30 am @ St. Patrick's Church, 1395 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga.
- Tote Wash: January 5, 2013, 8 am to 3pm. McKesson Drug, 2700 M/ America Dr., West Seneca

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 Communications Advisor

It's Back!!! Our domain name of <http://www.oalodge159.org> is now our Lodge website. Due to events beyond our control, we temporarily made use of the domain name of <http://www.oalodge159.com>. Both links work just fine, it's just that the .org is the primary address to use.

In an effort to increase the availability of our lodge leadership, we have instituted a new way of reaching our Lodge Officers. Due to BSA's youth protection guidelines, we can no longer let our youth use personal email addresses in our correspondence. We have set

up email accounts for all the youth in our leadership. All you have to do is go to the Lodge Officers page (under the About Us tab) on our afore mentioned website, and click on the name of the person you want to contact and you will open up an email link to that person.

The coming year has many activities for all to participate in.

The first two Tote Wash dates of 2013 are January 5 & March 23. Please mark down these dates on your calendars. This is the main money earner for the Lodge, so please help us

clean these totes.

Beside the Chapter meetings, we help out at the First Aid Rally/Explorer Challenge/Webelos Readyman Training on February 2. The weekend of February 15-17 we have our Winter Fellowship @ Camp Stonehaven.

March is a busy month with the University of Scouting on March 2. March 3 is our Lodge Banquet and Annual Meeting. Broomball @ Nichols Arena is on March 16.

Be sure to visit our Lodge website for more information on upcoming events. Any

online registration opportunities can be found there or on the Council website.

Elections for Ordeal candidates start after January 1, so please schedule your elections early.

WWW,
Rick Hanes
Communications Advisor



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James Dolan

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David J. Krull

ONONDAGA ADVISORS

Larry Jones and David F. Krull

LODGE SECRETARY

Kevin Caccard

FALLING WATERS CHAPTER-CHIEF

John Sosnowski

FALLING WATERS ADVISORS

Eric Militello, Brian Kindron and
Steve Heeb

LODGE TREASURER

Joey Arrindell

SENECA CHAPTER-CHIEF

Michael Lucas

SENECA ADVISORS

Dennis Smigiera, Ron Macleod and
Dale Shick

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