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# Longhouse Messenger

## *A Word From The Lodge Chief*

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Hello Brothers,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Travis Militello. I am the lodge chief for the 2013-2014 lodge year. My mission for this year is to make sure the lodge makes Journey To Excellence (JTE) Gold Award for a second year. For those who I asked or volunteered for a LEC position, thank you for stepping up. Last conclave the lodge received both the Lodge Spirit Award and the Most Outstanding Lodge Award. Good job to

those who went. Also this was the first time that one lodge received both awards. I would also like to thank those who came out to the Seneca and Onondaga work weekends. Without your service the camps would not be able to run the summer program as smoothly as it does. Congratulations to those who were elected to receive their Vigil Honor. Lastly, our next event is the Summer Fellowship. The dates are August 23-25. I encourage that all members who can to attend.

Yours in brotherhood,  
Travis Militello  
Lodge Chief

## *A Word From the Activities Chair*

Hello Brothers,

This year will be my second year as activities coordinator for our lodge. I had a lot of fun last year and I hope that I made you guys have a lot of fun too. This year I hope to use my experiences from the previous year to make the lodge events better than they were last year. The next lodge event is the summer fellowship. The theme this year is the **Arrowman Apocalypse**. Other upcoming events include bowling night, winter fellowship, and the lodge dinner. If you just

recently completed your ordeal you might not know very many people in the OA yet. Coming to one of these events is a great way to get to know new people. These events are strictly fun. There will be no service involved. You won't even have to cook for yourself on the campouts. This is why I love being the activities coordinator. I get to plan all of the fun events for our lodge. I am really excited about another year of being the activities coordinator for our lodge.

Noah Gould  
Activities Chairman

### 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)

## *A Word From the Lodge Advisor*

HI BROTHERS

You may have noticed that faces are changing in familiar roles in the Lodge. First, I want to express my most sincere thanks to three of our brothers who have cheerfully and faithfully served the Lodge in adviser roles - Larry Jones, Dennis Smigiera, and Jerry Sullivan. While each has decided to serve the Lodge in new roles, their individual contributions to our youth members serves as their legacies. As I embark on the journey of being the adviser to our Lodge Chief, Travis Militello, I hope to be able to say that I too have served a higher purpose.

There is another brother that deserves recognition, the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Russell Etzenhouser. His dedication to the Order is evident in not only his words but his deeds. Here's an example of the servant leadership style that he exhibits daily, in the truest tradition of Uncas.



And yes, we logged his service hours to Council for this one!

The concept of servant leadership is at the heart of our Order. To that end, our Lodge needs you, both youth and adult. Travis and I will be seeking to fill positions over the summer to ensure a smooth start to the Lodge year. If you have an interest in serving as an adviser to a Lodge Executive Committee youth or know of a youth who is motivated to leadership in the Lodge, I urge you to contact me. Otherwise, in the tradition of my predecessor and mentor, I may ask you to go for a walk.

Yours in Brotherhood and Service,

Jamie Prowse

Lodge Adviser

## OA - Don't Keep It Secret

Brothers,

A great way to promote the Order of the Arrow (OA) in your units is to make sure that each and every new Ordeal and Brotherhood member gets recognized at the time of their ordeal or brotherhood ceremony. This should be done by the OA Rep at the troop meeting immediately following the ceremony.

If your troop uses e-mail or Facebook, post it! It is amazing what a little bit of publicity can do. Also, the sense of pride that newer members will have to see their name and a picture in a troop-wide announcement. Combine it with noting the service they have performed and people will notice. If nothing else it may cause a few people to ask what the OA is and give you an opportunity to talk about OA.

What our Troop has done since 2011 is to make sure that a few pictures of all the new ordeal and brotherhood members from the troop are taken. One picture is sent out in a troop-wide e-mail. If a picture isn't available, just a message is sent. Many times, there have been replies from parents with no ties to the OA, congratulating the scouts for their efforts.

Here's a copy of what I sent out to my troop the day after the June Ordeal :



To: Troop 457

The following members of the troop successfully completed their ordeal this past weekend at Camp Schoellkopf and are the newest OA members from T457.

Congratulations go out to:

Evan Adam Ryan Zack Ryan

Congratulations also go out to the following scouts and scouter who converted to Brotherhood membership in the OA this weekend:

Nathan David Jack Stefan

At the Vigil Tap out ceremony, Mrs. Ginny Conway was named as a candidate for the OA Vigil Honor. She will take part in the Vigil Honor Induction Ceremony on August 24 during the Summer Fellowship Weekend.

Part of the ordeal weekend was spent helping to get Camp Schoellkopf ready for summer camp. This year 13 OA members from Troop 457 were part of the 80+ person OA crew that did just that by moving gear and by setting up tents in units across the camp. Chances are good that anyone camping at Schoellkopf this summer will be in a tent that was put up in part by a member or 2 from our troop!

I urge each unit to consider doing something similar. A small piece of recognition can go a long way. In the few years we have been doing this I have seen an increase in the number of scouts wearing their OA sash at troop Courts of Honor and an overall increase in member participation. Most importantly have seen first hand a number of scouts from the troop become really active in the OA and have a lot of fun!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ginny Conway

# Lodge Summer Fellowship 2013

## Arrowman Apocalypse

### August 23-25, 2013



Location: Schoellkopf Scout Reservation  
1373 Burrough Road  
Cowlesville, New York 14037

Cost: \$20.00\* if registration is rec'd by Aug. 16th  
\$25.00\* if registration is rec'd between Aug. 17th & Aug. 21st  
\$30.00\* if registration is rec'd after Aug. 22nd & Walk-ins

\* For Vigil members the cost of the Vigil Breakfast is included in the registration fee

#### **VIGIL BREAKFAST ONLY:**

\$8.00 if registration is rec'd by Aug. 16th  
\$10.00 if registration is rec'd after Aug. 16th & Walk-ins



#### **Gear to bring:**

- ❖ Tent & camping gear
- ❖ Items to donate to an auction
- ❖ \$ if bidding at the auction
- ❖ Any clothing or items to enhance the "Zombie" theme (**NO** weapons)
- ❖ Dutch Oven equipment and ingredients if competing in the Cook-off

Online Registration Link > <http://www.wnyscouting.org/event/oa-lodge-summer-fellowship-2013/1378945>

Vigil Members can register for the entire weekend including the breakfast or the breakfast separately.

Registration Form > [http://www.oalodge159.org/forms/SF\\_Registration\\_2013.pdf](http://www.oalodge159.org/forms/SF_Registration_2013.pdf)

# August 2013

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18)	19)	20)	21)	22)	23) Summer Fellowship @ SSR	24) Summer Fellowship @ SSR
25) Summer Fellowship @ SSR	26)	27)	28)	29)	30)	31)

- August 23-25: Lodge Summer Fellowship at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation
- September 9: LEC meeting at Council Service Center 7:00 pm
- September 20-22: Falling Waters Service/Inductions Weekend @ Stonehaven
- September 27-29: ON Service/Induction Weekend at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation
- September 27-29: SN Service/Induction Weekend at Camp Southaven
- November 15-17: National Leadership Seminar @ Alpine, NJ
- November 15-17: National Lodge Adviser Training @ Alpine, NJ
- October 7: LEC meeting at Council Service Center 7:00 pm
- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months

# September 2013

1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)	7)
8)	9) LEC	10)	11)	12)	13)	14)
15)	16)	17)	18)	19)	20) FW Service/ Induction at STH	21) FW Service/ Induction at STH
22) FW Service/ Induction at STH	23)	24)	25)	26)	27) ON & SN Service/ Induction Weekends	28) ON & SN Service/ Induction Weekends
29) ON & SN Service/ Induction Weekends	30)					

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

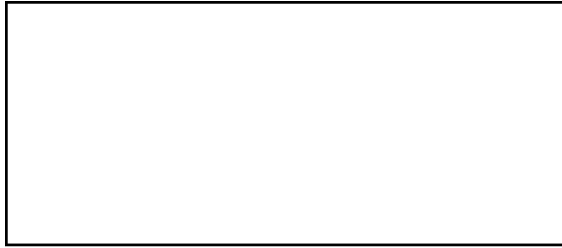
## A Word From The Lodge Treasurer

Hello. My name is Joseph Arrindell. I am a Life Scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 5 of North Buffalo and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. I am returning as Lodge Treasurer, and have

been active in the OA for a few years. I would like to encourage all of you reading this to participate in as many OA events as you can. Try out the service weekends if you want to do more service, go to the

summer and winter fellowships to have fun and meet other lodge members. The OA does a lot of service, but also has a lot of fun events. I hope you become an active and helpful member of the

lodge.  
Yours in Scouting,  
Joseph C. Arrindell



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