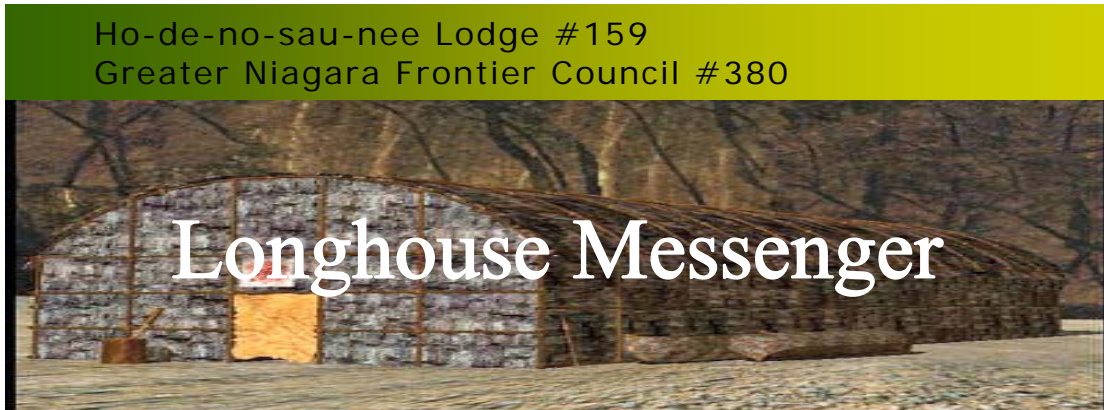




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# Longhouse Messenger

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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](http://oalodge159.org)

## *A Word From The Lodge Chief*

Greetings brothers, I hope all of you had a very nice Thanksgiving this year. We have some events to look forward to including lodge bowling and for the Vigil members our annual Vigil Breakfast. I'm

sorry to say that this year we did not make our 30.0% brotherhood conversion but, it does not mean we can't make it next year. It means that next year we need to go out to our troops and make sure the ordeal mem-

bers are converting. I hope to see many of you at lodge bowling.

WWW,  
Travis Militello  
Lodge Chief

## *A Word From the Lodge Advisor*

YOU SURE DO SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN NEW JERSEY

I've received this comment quite often this fall. Why? I've had the pleasure of spending two weekends at Camp Alpine. But, why there? It just so happens that two major Northeast Region events occurred at Camp Alpine.



The first event was the Northeast Region Lodge Key 3 Summit. Our Lodge Key 3, Travis Militello – Lodge Chief; Greg Voyzey – Lodge Staff Adviser; and myself, attended. This event focused on how each of the Key 3 positions fits into the larger puzzle of the Lodge. It kicked off with a poster session

where Lodges got to highlight major events from the past year. During the weekend, we had the pleasure of gaining perspective from past Region Chiefs, Patrick Rooney and Ken Hager, past Section Chief Raymond Cheung, and Northeast Region Chief, Tyler Allen. We heard inspirational messages and OA history from esteemed Arrowmen, such as Dr. Carl Marchetti – past OA Committee Chairman and protégé of E. Urner Goodman; Northeast Regional President Hab Butler; Northeast Region Chairman Mark Chilutti, and many more Scouters who operate on the national level. Past National Chief and Vice Chief, John Rehm and Preston Marquis, got us energized for the 100th anniversary of the OA and how to get our Lodge ready for NOAC 2015! It was great being able to share ideas at our tables on things such as fundraising to the “Centennial Challenge” of how to get as many

Arrowmen as we can from our Lodge to NOAC.



The second event was the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS).



This was an opportunity for four of our Lodge's Arrowmen to participate in a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. NLS is run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. The weekend format is de-

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

Hello Brothers,  
My name is John Sosnowski and I am the chapter chief for the Falling Waters Chapter. The Falling Waters Chapter is made up of GNFC's Polaris District and my job is

to make sure our arrowmen in this area receive information from the lodge. Also, with the help of my vice chiefs, I help run the ordeal service weekends at Stonehaven. I encourage all arrowmen to participate in the

lodge and chapter events such as broomball, lodge bowling, section conclave, ordeal weekends, NOAC, etc. These events allow you to meet other arrowmen in the council and create that bond of brotherhood that the Order

strives for. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. My email is :

[faling.waters.chief@oalodge159.org](mailto:faling.waters.chief@oalodge159.org).

## *A Word From The Falling Waters Advisor*

Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and rekindled those meaningful family connections. With the end of the calendar year fastly approaching and Christmas a few weeks away I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the talented youth in our chapter that have stepped forward and made a difference for us this year. Without you we wouldn't be where we are today. I also cannot forget all of the adults who have supported us this year in all of the chapter functions from driving your son to a chapter meeting to running a major chapter

event, without you and your support we couldn't do what we have fun doing, cheerful service to others.

Some upcoming events to mention: The Vigil Breakfast on December 28. February 7 – 9, 2014 is the Polaris Klondike Derby @ Camp Stonehaven. The following weekend brings us to our Fellowship weekend on the 14-16 also at Camp Stonehaven. Then there is the always the competitive Broomball tournament in March, so start thinking now on getting your team together it's sure to be a fun time.

It's that time again to start reserving dates for elec-

tions; it's not too early to start planning now for your Troop's OA election for 2014. 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.

Our monthly Chapter Meetings are held at Gander Mountain on Youngs Rd in Tonawanda on the second Tuesday of each month and we will announce what each month's program will be prior to each meeting.

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. 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)  
Falling Waters Chapter  
Advisor

## *A Word From The Lodge Advisor (cont.)*

signed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training programs. Our Arrowmen discussed how the leadership skills they learned can be applied in their roles in the OA, Troops, and in other aspects of their lives.

NLATS, however, is "where fun goes to die." Ask one of the NLS graduates to explain why!

Yours in Witahemui,  
Jamie Prowse  
Lodge Adviser

# December 2013

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1)	2) LEC	3)	4)	5)	6)	7)
8)	9)	10) FW Meeting	11)	12) ON Meeting	13) Lodge Bowling	14)
15)	16)	17)	18) SN Meeting	19)	20)	21)
22)	23)	24) Christmas Eve	25) Christmas	26)	27)	28) Lodge Vigil Breakfast
29)	30)	31) New Year's Eve				

- Dec. 10: *Falling Waters Chapter Meeting*
- Dec. 12: *Onondaga Chapter Meeting*
- Dec. 13: *Lodge Bowling*
- Dec. 18: *Seneca Chapter Meeting @ Blessed John XXIII R.C.C., 1 Arcade Street, West Seneca, NY 14224*
- Dec. 28: *Lodge Vigil Breakfast @ St. Patrick's Church, 1395 George Urban Blvd., 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 Seneca Chapter Vice Chief

**My NLS Experience**  
I had several amazing days in November. I went to the National Leadership Seminar in Alpine, New Jersey along with Noah Gould, CJ Long, and Anthony Rinaldo. It may not sound like fun, I mean really, it's leadership training. No one ever likes training,

but we go to them. The only reason we only go to them because we learn many needed skills, which is what I was expecting it to be like, but it was like no other training that I ever attended. First off, I met many important OA leaders, including Jordan Hughes, who is the

National Vice-Chief; Tyler Allen, who is the Northeast Region Chief; Kyle Piper, the chief of our Section; and countless others. I learned much about how trust is the key foundation of leadership, and how there are many things that grow out of it, creating a huge triangle in the colors of the rainbow, showing you the way. The tri-

angle had 6 additional points on each side, all explaining leadership, but they show how it all leads back to trust. They made us work for the answers, so that we could get more out of it. The trainers, all of whom are OA youth officers, made it extremely fun, and have helped me learn a lot.

## A Word From The Onondaga Chapter-Chief

Hi my name is Chris Krull and I am the Onondaga chapter chief. My chapter meets on the second Thursday of the month at

the Potters House on Broadway and Lake avenue in Lancaster. If your troop hasn't signed up for an OA election please do

so by LJ the elections adviser. Hope to see you all at OA bowling or any other OA activity coming up.

Yours in Scouting,  
Chris Krull



## *A Word From The Seneca Chapter Vice Chief (cont.)*

Another important thing that I learned was not exactly what they were attempting to teach us, but I learned in the process. I was taught how to run meetings, along with seminars, and training. The first thing that impressed me was the way that they had different people present, and how they used movie clips that we all knew to get the point across, and make me understand the material more thoroughly. Also, the way that they spaced the breaks helped me absorb the material much better, and didn't overload me with information.

Finally, they had us play games such as "Scout Jeopardy," and "The Game of Life" (which had nothing to do with the board game). These were also fun. After all of this, the huge objective which was the point of the entire seminar came to light - the importance of trust.

My NLS experience was extremely fun, and I really learned a lot. If the opportunity presents itself to you, I'd strongly recommend attending.

Alexander Saad

Seneca Chapter Vice Chief

Ceremonialist



NLS Participants:

L to R: Alex, Anthony, CJ & Noah



**Vigil Class of 2013**

Front Row: Tyler Simkins, Ginny Conway, Dawn Lucas, Travis Militello  
Back Row: Michael Lucas, Steve Heeb, Isaac Gadikian, Michael Simkins



# 2013 Annual Lodge Bowling



**DATE:** Friday, December 13, 2013

**TIME:** 7:00-9:15 pm

**PLACE: THRUWAY LANES**

1550 Walden Ave.

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

**COST:** \$17 - Early Bird (before Dec 6)

\$20 - Late Fee (Dec.7-12)

\$22 Walk-Ins

\$6 non-bowlers

Includes 2 hours of bowling, pop, and pizza.

Please make checks payable to: GNFC.

2860 Genesee St.

Buffalo, NY 14225

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or A) **Chapter:** FW, ON, SEN

\_\_\_\_\_ (Y or A) **Troop:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Y or A)

**Number of people attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$(PP)** \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment:** Cash Check

(Lodge Event cancellation policy in effect-see Lodge website) Acct #OABO

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

Brothers,

First off I would like to introduce myself. My name is Dave Krull from the Onondaga Chapter. I am a Life Scout currently working on my eagle project and a Vigil member of the order. I know that many of you know me as the Onondaga chapter chief, but I no longer hold that office. I am currently serving as the Lodge Vice-Chief of Program. As Vice-Chief of Program I would like to invite everyone to sever upcoming events. Lodge Bowling is coming up on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Airport Lanes. Next is the Lodge Broomball tournament in March. Also I would like to invite everyone to the Lodge Winter Fellowship Weekend in February. Lastly I would like to invite everyone to NE-3A's Section Conclave in June. This event is going to be at Camp Scouthaven. This is the event of the summer and is not to be missed! For all of you who don't know what this is, it's a summer-fellowship weekend, but on a much larger scale. Instead of just our lodge, there will be a total of five lodges from around the state who will all be gathering at Scouthaven for a weekend of Games, Training, Patch Trading, and Fellowship! The theme for this weekend is "A Storm is Brewing" so it will have lots of fun creative events, and games. This is a very fun event that is always a good time, and I hope to see all of you there.

WWW,

Dave J. Krull

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