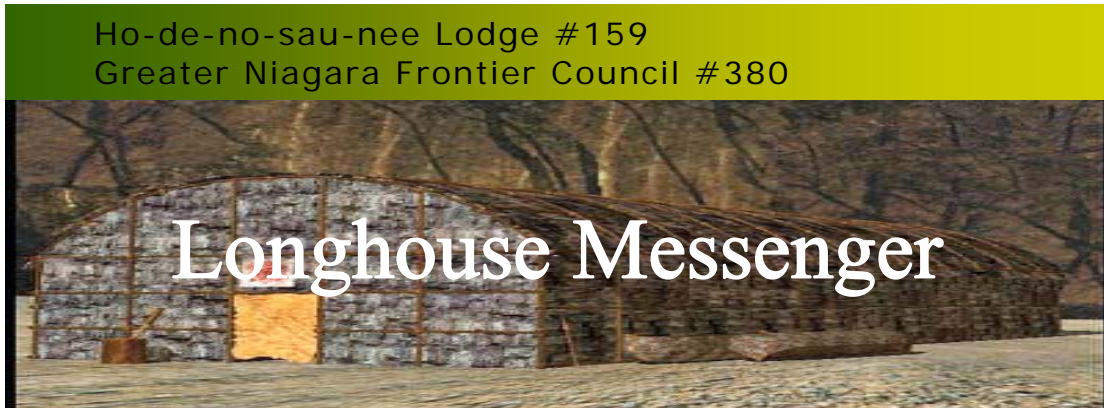




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A Word From The Lodge Secretary

Greetings Brothers,

My name is Declan Rapp. I was recently elected as the lodges new Secretary. I am just now completing my first year in the Order of the Arrow, and my 4th year in scouting. I have had many fun and exciting experiences in scouting, but the previous winter fellowship has most definitely been the best scouting experience in all my time in scouting. I have always loved winter camping, but I have never experienced winter camping like I did over that weekend. I had many fun experiences such as learning to play euchre, a snowball fight on top of a "castle", and a relaxing evening watching the Hunger Games. I would encourage anyone with the time to attend the upcoming fellowship in August. It will most certainly be a fun time. I would also like to encourage anyone interested in this year's conclave to sign up. This year conclave will only be 2 hours away in the council camp of Scouthaven. This is the closest the annual conclave has been to our lodge in a few years I am told. I am sure it will be an interesting time meeting new people.

Yours in Brotherhood
Declan Rapp
Lodge Secretary

A Word From the Lodge Activities Chairman

Hello Brothers,

I am you Lodge Chief elect. In June I will be taking over as your Lodge Chief. I think it is important that you know a little bit about me before I take over this position. I have been involved in scouting since I was in 1st grade and a tiger scout. I am currently an Eagle Scout. I have earned 4 palms and I am working on my 5th. I have been an OA Troop Rep since 2012 in my home troop, 457. I am glad to say that troop 457 received the 2013 OA Unit of Excellence Award. Through my own experience being a troop rep I have seen how much one person can do to change his troop's involvement in our Order. I have participated in many events with our lodge and section. So I am well aware of how much fun the OA can be for any participant and I hope to spread these experiences to may youth in our lodge. I complete National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in November. This gave me some of the leadership skills that will be essential for my upcoming term as Lodge Chief. I will work to meet the Journey to Excellence for the lodge once again.. I am liking forward to this upcoming lodge year. I think it will be a great one for our lodge and all of its members.

Noah Gould
Lodge Chief Elect
Activities Chairman

Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events.
- Don't forget to take a look at the web-site for any lodge updates.
oalodge159.org

Evolving from a "Sash and Dash" Troop into a 2013 OA Unit of Excellence

This February Troop 457 had the honor of receiving the 2013 OA Unit of Excellence Award. The award was presented at a troop Court of Honor by Lodge Adviser Jamie Prowse. Unlike the other troop that received it, we have only been actively involved in the lodge for the past few years. Prior to that, we were referred to as a "sash and dash troop". What changed? We did!

Looking back at 2010, other than 2 ordeal weekends, no one from our troop attended a single OA event. Fast forward to 2013 - we had someone from our troop at every major lodge event. 3 scouts were members of the LEC; attended LLD and OA National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in Alpine, NJ; and completed their NLS ticket. We had a broomball team for the first time (which we did again in 2014). Now we have 14 ordeal candidates looking forward to their ordeal this spring and at least 14 troop members going to the 2014 conclave.

How did we do this? First we started talking up the OA way before the annual election while we were at summer camp. Then our OA troop representatives actually went to LEC and chapter meetings - failure to do so meant no leadership credit as our troop needed them to do their job. The adult leadership encouraged them and backed their efforts. One Assistant Scoutmaster served as the OA troop representative adviser. It took a while, but it worked. They promoted events and went to them. They made sure all our scouts knew what the OA is, what the OA does and the fun they were having. Accomplishments by troop OA members were communicated to the troop as a whole - from being elected as a candidate, providing service at an ordeal weekend, to attending the OA National Leadership Seminar - the troop was kept informed.

Our troop representatives, now our lodge chief elect Noah Gould and lodge vice chief of program elect Anthony Rinaldo lead by example in motivating our troop. Their success was evident at our Court of Honor this February when there were almost as many wearing OA sashes as there were wearing Merit Badge sashes. Their efforts resulted in Noah and Anthony earning the OA Unit of Excellence patch for their work as OA Troop Representatives. I received the OA Unit of Excellence patch as well for my role as their OA Troop Representative Adviser and our scoutmaster received a certificate. Beyond the patches and a certificate, what our troop really received was a number of scouts who have brought their experiences in the OA back to our troop. Whether they went to Summit Corps in 2011, Conclave 2012, OA Bowling 2013, Broomball 2014, or are on the LEC; those active in the OA have become more active in our troop and in scouting. They are setting an example of leadership and service for others for all members of our troop and are encouraging them to do the same.

I challenge each Senior Patrol Leader to name an OA Troop Representative and each Scoutmaster to name an adviser for that representative. Then do the same in your troop.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,
Ginny Conway
Assistant Scoutmaster & OA Troop Representative Adviser - Troop 457
Adviser - Venture Crew 457

Chapter Service and Induction Weekends

Do you want to become more involved with the Order of the Arrow? Have you been an OA member for over 10 months? Are you seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order?

Then come to one of the three Service and Induction weekends at our three Council camps.

Falling Waters Chapter Weekend is this weekend May 2-4.

Onondaga and Seneca Chapters are June 13-15. Come to one or two weekends for a weekend of fellowship and service to our Council. If you have been an Ordeal member for over 10 months, please consider sealing your bonds in the Order of the Arrow by becoming a brotherhood candidate. Study helps at:

<http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/index.php>.

For more information on the weekends and registration go to <http://www.oalodge159.org/index.html>

A Word From The Onondaga Chapter-Chief

Hello brothers, my name is Chris Krull. I am the recently re-elected Onondaga Chapter Chief. I am also on the Onondaga ceremonies team and am very active in Boy Scouts and the OA. One thing that I want to change in the chapter is the amount of attendance at our chapter meetings. We are the biggest chapter and are only getting six youth to come to meetings which is unacceptable because more than half of the boys are on the LEC and already know what is happening. Our spring induction weekend is June 13-15. The weekend will be held at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation. Hope to see you there.

WWW,
Chris Krull

Section NE-3A Conclave : "A Storm is Brewing"

The Section NE-3A Conclave is coming and we will be ready! May 30-June 1, 2014
Arrowmen from across the region will converge on Camp Scouthaven for a weekend of fun, training, and fellowship;

That's right we're the host.

We desperately need your participation in 1 of 2 ways:

1. We will need many hands helping to make this event successful. Contact your Chapter or Lodge officers to learn how you can help.
2. We want a full contingent of our newest members to attend Conclave as participants. Register yourself and encourage at least 1 of your fellow Brothers to join you.

To register, complete the below form and return it WITH A BSA ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD to:

Order of the Arrow
Greater Niagara Frontier Council
2860 Genesee St.
Buffalo, NY 14225-3131

There is no online registration. You must fill out the paper forms and submit them to the Council Service Center by the appropriate dates.

Registration Form> Must be submitted to the Council Service Center by April 2, 2014

[Annual Health and Medical Record](#) :

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

[Late Registration Form](#)> Must be submitted to the Council Service Center by May 1, 2014

http://www.oalodge159.org/conclave_14/Conclave_2014_Late_Registration_Form_55.pdf

May 2014

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1)	2) FW Induction	3) and Service
4) Week- end	5) LEC	6)	7)	8) ON Meeting	9)	10)
11)	12)	13)	14)	15)	16)	17)
18)	19)	20)	21) SN Meeting	22)	23)	24)
25)	26) Memo- rial Day	27)	28)	29)	30) Section	31) NE-3A

- May 2-4: *Falling Waters Induction and Service Weekend*
- May 5: *LEC Meeting*
- May 8: *Onondaga Chapter Meeting*
- May 21: *Seneca Chapter Meeting*
- May 26: *Memorial Day*
- May 30-June 1: *Section NE-3A Section Conclave.. Camp Southaven*
- June 13-15: *Onondaga (SSR) & Seneca (SCH) Chapter's Induction and Service Weekends*
- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months.. 7 PM-8:30 PM

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1) Conclave	2) LEC	3)	4)	5)	6)	7)
8)	9)	10) FW Meeting	11)	12) ON Meeting	13) ON & SN	14) Induction & Service
15) Week- end SN Meeting	16)	17)	18)	19)	20)	21)
22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27)	28)
29)	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

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