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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

A Word From the Lodge Chief

Goals for this Year

When I got elected into my position, Lodge Chief, I had a few goals, all of which were to benefit the Lodge. All of these goals are still going strong in me, and I am hoping to make them a reality.

One of my goals is to bring back the Longhouse messenger. This will hopefully inform people about events that are going on in the Lodge. For an example, what happened at NOAC, or what the Lodge Chief's goals are for the year. Well, I will have to go out on a limb here and say that this goal is already accomplished!

Another one of my goals is to bring new programming to the Lodge. An example of this is a Lock-in where everyone who attends brings their laptops, Xbox's, PlayStations, and TV's, and has a fun time. Some people, like myself, might want to

stay up all night playing, and they will be allowed to. Others might want to go to bed, and there will also be accommodations for that. This idea, and a few others, will be brought before the LEC at the August meeting.

Finally, my biggest dream, and the one I'm mainly striving for is to get a huge attendance jump. At the moment, in our lodge of 750 people, there are only about 50 people who I see regularly at events. My vision is to boost this dramatically. I am hoping that my plan will work throughout multiple years, and make the 50 active people grow to 100 by the end of my term, up to 200 by the end of the next Lodge Chief's term, and eventually up to 250-300 active people in the following Lodge Chief's term. "What is my plan?" you may ask. Well, I am making a new LEC position: OA Troop Rep Coordinator.

The OA Troop Rep Coordinator's job is to lead a group of volunteers who will get all of the troops who have OA members to get an OA Troop Rep, and to make sure that they are coming to meetings so that they can bring information back to the troop. With that, more people should be able to find out, and want to go to lodge events. When someone's friend goes to an event, hopefully, they will want to go to the event as well creating a snowball effect.

In conclusion, I have big plans for this year. I am hoping to make the Lodge a lot more active, and to make there be more activities. Hopefully this will be as good of a year as I have envisioned it, and that you all will have a lot of fun!

Your brother,
Alexander Saad
Lodge Chief

Did You Know?

Travis Militello, Falling Waters ceremonialist, Conclave Vice Chief, and a former lodge chief is in the picture that graces the front of the new 100th Anniversary OA Centuries of Service Directory. He is in the front row - fourth from the far right in the group of spectators wearing a green hat. The same picture was the cover of the

Fall/Winter 2014 OA National Bulletin. It was taken in the summer of 2014 at the dedication ceremony of the Summit Circle at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Ashes and dirt from this ceremony were given out at the GEO at NOAC 2015 to museum visitors.

CJ Long served as 2014 Con-

clave Vice Chief and was selected as 2014 Most Outstanding Arrowman in Section NE-3A. He went on to become 2014-15 Section Secretary and the 2014 Youth of the Year in the Greater Niagara Frontier Council and in the Onondaga District.

A Word From the Lodge Adviser

Hello Brothers,

The Longhouse Messenger has returned after a short break and I encourage any and all members to join the ranks and put an article in. Yes it is mainly for the elected officers to communicate with their chapters and the membership at large but it is open to all to place an article. This is a part of our Lodge History so let's keep it going.

It's hard to believe but summer is closing out soon. I hope you had an enjoyable season, so I ask the question what did you do over your summer break. As for me I attended one of the visits of the Arrow Tour when it made its stop at Babcock-Hovey, I volunteered my Sundays at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation when all the troops arrived for their week of summer camp, I spent a week at SSR with my troop for our

summer camp and I just returned with 51 of our members from the 100th anniversary NOAC at Michigan St. University. As you can see my summer has been jam packed, keeping me busy.

Keep track of all our events coming up through the Messenger and the calendar on our website and as always you can contact me at any time. With being the new Lodge Adviser

we are filling out our adult advisors so if you are interested in becoming a bit more involved with the Lodge please feel free to contact me and Alex our new Chief is looking for the same on the youth side.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season and we'll see you along the trail.

Larry Jones

A Word From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

My fellow brothers, the beginning of the next season of Boy Scouting is coming up and to prepare for the next 100 years of the Order of the Arrow, it is time for Falling Waters to rise to the task of continuing our Brotherhood's mission statement to serve cheerfully! My name is Sebastian Bodkin and I am proud to be this year's Falling Waters Chapter Chief, and I make it my mission to make my chapter a prime example of what our founder pictured when they created our Order 100 years ago. In the next year I hope to fulfill such goals as having better, more fun-oriented chapter meetings, along with two more types of meetings; key 3 and officers' meetings set at the same time interval. Along with those meetings, I am also planning a monthly

chapter event, such as a Family Chapter Picnic next year, and maybe soup kitchen service in December, these events will be planned based on a vote of what you, the members of the chapter want to do each month. There will also be more teams and divisions, along with job positions ,such as a Online Social Media Communications and Promotions team (made up of a team of people, each of which will be in charge of a different social media page for the chapter, including a Chapter Webmaster in charge of building and managing a new chapter website), a Creative Design Works branch, and maybe a Merchandising board (maybe). I also will be working hand-in-hand with our Lodge Chief Alex Saad on our Lodge's newest (and probably to be most ef-

fective) program: the Unit Representative Program! With this, we will be making use of the underused but potential-rich Order of the Arrow Unit Representative Program. I will do everything I can to make these plans come to fruition, but I cannot do it alone! There are PLENTY of open job positions in the Chapter, and me and my team need all the help we can get. With this being said, I issue a call for service, if you would like to answer, just email me or my Vice-Chief of Service; Connor Gilmartin. We will give you a list of open positions, and what they entail, so that you can make your choice of what you would like to do. I greatly encourage anyone and everyone in Falling Waters, whether you have been active in the OA or not to come to our

next Chapter Meeting, which will be on Wednesday, September 9, at Tonawanda High School beginning at 07:00 pm. There will be food, there will be drink, there will be new member orientation, oa jeopardy, oa warrior (maybe), patch auction (maybe), patch trading, board game tournament, euchre tournament, and maybe even a movie! I also greatly encourage that anyone and everyone in the chapter come to the Fall Induction Weekend at Camp Stonehaven from Friday, September 18-20 to donate some cheerful service and have a great time. I hope to see many of you there, and I am looking forward to serving you for the rest of our centennial year.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,
2015 Falling Waters Chapter Chief Sebastian Bodkin

CENTURION AWARD

Recognizes those listed below for unmatched commitment to cheerful service and their dedication to the local council's Order of the Arrow lodge. This recognition affirms the recipient's role as both and exemplar of servant leadership during the order's first century and an inspiration to perpetuate the principle of selflessness among those who follow:

Recognized for Service Rendered as a Youth Member:

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| Sean Jones | October 2004 - December 2010 |
| James J. Prowse | June 2005 - August 2012 |
| Scott A. Schmidt | June 1994 - December 2002 |
| Jeremiah J. Sullivan, III | June 1997 - January 2006 |

Recognized for Service Rendered as a Adult Member:

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| Roger P. Lemke | June 2000 - June 2007 |
| Gerald E. Robert | September 1990 - January 2015 |
| Jeremiah J. Sullivan, Jr. | June 1997 - August 2014 |

A Word From the Seneca Adviser

I'm excited to be serving in the role of Seneca Chapter Adviser for 2015-16 and look forward to working with the youth of the Chapter & Lodge to build on the years of tradition in Seneca and I'm looking forward to working with this year's Chapter and Lodge Officer's to strengthen Ho-De-No-Sau-Ne'e's proud traditions of Service & Brotherhood.

I invite and encourage all

Arrowmen to seek out ways to become active within the Chapter & Lodge. As in the Troop program, you make the program, without you there is no Chapter, no program.

Please watch for Chapter messages in your e-mail to stay informed about Lodge & Chapter activities. If you're not currently getting the Lodge e-mail or if you know someone else who isn't, please e-mail me at

wnyscouter@yahoo.com so we can update your contact information in our records. Better yet, make sure your Troop's OA Representative is meeting his job responsibilities by attending Chapter meetings. He can bring updated contact information for all Arrowmen in your unit.

Our Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Southgate

Plaza Community Room (you can find details and directions [here](#)) or at other special locations/events as communicated. If your unit would be interested in hosting a Chapter Meeting at your Troop meeting place please do not hesitate to contact our Chapter Chief (seneca.chief@oalodge159.org) or myself.

Yours in Service,
Michael R. Simkins

New Vigil Members



Vigil Class of 2014

Left-Right, Standing: Anthony J. Rinaldo, Robert H. Ruml, John W. Sosnowski, Timothy J. Nowak Jr.

Left-Right, Seated: Louis E. Saad, III, Nolan T. Miles, Noah A. Gould, Lucas A. Seeley

Vigil Class of 2015

Left-Right, Standing: Brandon Blatz, William Caccard, Christopher Long, Joshua Maryniewski, Alexander Saad, Nicholas Wagner, Michael Christie

Left-Right, Seated: Richard Slazak, Michael Queeno, Sheila Sullivan, Richard Simkins, Christopher Krull, Ronald Krawczyk



NOAC 2015



51 Lodge members were among the 15,000 that attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in Lansing Aug 3-8, 2015 as part of our Lodge Contingent. With this being the 100th anniversary of the founding of the OA, each person attending the conference was given a special commemorative red sash to wear just while we were at the conference. The theme was "It starts with us" and focused on looking at our second century.

During the conference we attended nightly shows, participated in daily training sessions, traded patches with scouts from around the country, some took part in ceremony team competitions and other competitions from track to bowling to video games to OA Warrior and more, ran 10k and 5 k races, took part in various recreation activities, and more. Everyone took part in activities that interested them - from climbing to log rolling to ga ga ball - we did

a lot!

At the Wednesday night show we were challenged by our National Chief Alex Call to join him in #Dare to Do. It is the Order of the Arrow's service initiative for the 100 days following NOAC. This movement is committed to spreading the message of the admonition across the globe through small acts of service. Participating in the #DareToDo project is easy: make a difference in the lives of others by doing one act of service each day for 100 days. Arrowmen are then asked to add a photo or post to their social media with the hashtag #DareToDo. All arrowmen are asked to join in this challenge.

A few of us were fortunate to participate in some really special events - 3 Youth members attended the Very Important Arrowman luncheon. Brothers also attended the National Council of Chiefs and the National Lodge Advisers Gather-

ing. 18 attended the NESA gathering of Eagles. Five brothers attended the Centennial Gala and Noah Gould, Sebastian Bodkin, and Nick Wagner were randomly chosen to have dinner with Mr. Wayne Brock, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Tico Perez, National Commissioner of the BSA. It was a true case of the least among us becoming the greatest - they were seated at a table in the very back of the room for more than 10 minutes only to be asked to go to the very front. Many brothers met our National Officers and had them sign their sashes or in the case of a vigil candidate, his triangle.

In OA fashion we also provided service. The entire conference assisted Michigan State by participating in an evacuation drill of Spartan Stadium. Additionally, some served as docents at the GEO museum, which contained historical OA items. A few adults volunteered

for part time staff positions - one ran steer roping, another flag football among other things. Several brothers participated in a day long conservation project. Fred Thornley served as a full time staff member in Extreme Watersports and introduced a number of us to log rolling. Throughout the conference we "high foured" new friends in a conference wide activity called Spark. Our spark devices contained USB drives that recorded who we met and where we had been - provided we "high foured" them. It also served as a means to track our event attendance.

On our return home we stopped at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. We are now looking forward to NOAC 2018 to be held at Indiana State University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Yours in Service,
Ginny Conway
2015 NOAC Contingent Leader

September 2015

Schedule of Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------|---------|-----|--------------|-----|------------------|-------------------------|
| 30) | 31) | 1) | 2) | 3) | 4) | 5) |
| 6) | 7) | 8) | 9)FW Meeting | 10) | 11) | 12) |
| 13) | 14) LEC | 15) | 16) | 17) | 18) FW Induction | 19) & Service |
| 20) Weekend | 21) | 22) | 23) | 24) | 25) ON & SN | 26) Induction & Service |
| 27) Weekends | 28) | 29) | 30) | 1) | 2) | 3) |

- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months
- September 9: Falling Waters Chapter Meeting
- September 14: LEC Meeting
- September 18-20: Falling Waters Chapter Induction and Service Weekend
- September 25-28: Onondaga & Seneca Chapters Induction and Service Weekend

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

OA Unit of Excellence

OA Unit of Excellence Award was introduced in 2012. It seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is intended to provide a tool for lodges to recognize, incentivize, and operationalize unit-level participation in Order of the Arrow programs. To date only 3 units in our lodge have met this challenge. It is our hope more will do so.

The year, unit, and role of those who earned the OA Unit of Excellence Award are as follows:

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| <i>Unit</i> | <i>Troop Representative</i> | <i>Troop Rep Adviser</i> |
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2013:

Troop 57: *Michael Queeno*

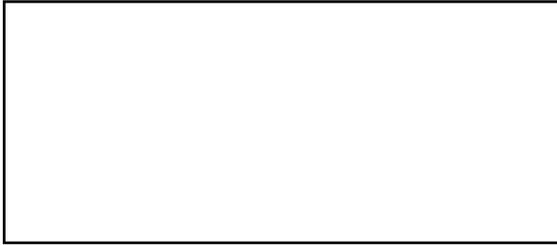
Troop 457: *Noah Gould, Anthony Rinaldo* *Ginny Conway*

2014:

Troop 483 *Alexander Saad*

Check out the requirements on the OA National website or speak with our lodge chief for more information. For those meeting this challenge, the unit receives a distinctive ribbon and the individuals are entitled to purchase a Unit of Excellence patch.

The Fall/Winter 2014 *OA National Bulletin* featured an article on the success on the OA Troop Representative Adviser Program and the Unit of Excellence Program in a troop from our lodge. The article "NE-3A finds success with OA Troop Representative Adviser Program, Unit of Excellence Program" is based on an interview with lodge member and Troop 457 OA Troop Rep Adviser Ginny Conway and illustrates the adviser's role in the transformation of Troop 457 from a "sash and dash" troop into an OA Unit of Excellence and home to a number of active Lodge members and leaders. It also contains a list of best practices. Two OA Troop Reps who both played a significant roles in the transformation that occurred from 2011-2013 were Noah Gould, Past Lodge Chief and Onondaga Chapter Ceremonialist, and Anthony Rinaldo, 2014-15 Vice Chief of Program. Check out the article at: <http://www.oe-bsa.org/uploads/bulletin/nb-q3-14.pdf> pages 10-11.



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