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A Word From Lodge Chief

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Looking at my first half of my term, and looking into the future

About nine months ago, I was elected to be Lodge Chief for the 2015-16 year. This was (and still is) an amazing honor that humbled me. My term, however, didn't start until half a year ago, and now, I am looking at how far the Lodge has come since the beginning of my term, and where I am hoping that it will go over the next six months.

The thing that challenges most Lodge Chiefs in Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee is that two to three of their first six months are during the Summer, so it is quite difficult for them to achieve anything effective or important. That said, I took that time, to look over my goals that I delivered to you at the beginning of my term, and made a plan that would accomplish them in the most efficient way possible. Since then, we had a very successful Summer Fellowship and Fall Ordeal Weekends, and in addition, we have done

things like LLD. But what about my goals?

One of my goals was to restart the Longhouse Messenger, and as you can see, this is the second one that was published since the beginning of my term, and there will be more to come!

Another one of my other goals was to get a Troop Order of the Arrow Rep Coordinator so that we can get more OA Troop Reps in the Lodge, and have a higher attendance to our events. While no one has stepped up to fill the position, I have done the preliminary work, and, even if no one steps up, this goal should be almost done by the end of my term.

My final goal as Lodge Chief for the year was to have a new program. More specifically, a lock-in; bring all the electronics you want, and pull an all nighter if you dare. While we haven't had it yet, we're looking

to have it in February or March.

So, am I happy the way that my term is going so far? Absolutely! I have had a good start on all of my goals for the year, and have a plan for all of them so that I can finish them before the end of my term. Of course none of it would have been possible without the assistance of you, my brothers, so I thank you for bringing our Lodge to the high level where it stands.

Overall, this has been a great half year for our Lodge, and I'm sure that it will continue to get better!

WWW,
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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

The Falling Waters Chapter meeting location is changed to the Salem United Church of Christ, 114 Morgan St. Tonawanda, NY 14150

A Word From the Lodge Adviser

Hello brothers,

As we embark on the holiday season I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's hard to believe that the year is almost over as we close out the Centennial year of the Order of the Arrow. I still have many Centuries of Service sash patches and I would love to give them out to you. To find out what you need to do, it is best to search for "sash patch" and that will lead you to the National OA website. There are requirements for youth and adult, fill the form(s) out and get them to me at the

council service center. The requirements count from July of 2014 to the end of this December so most of you should have many of the requirements done and if you are still looking for a Lodge Centennial event (one of the requirements) we do have Lodge Bowling coming up December 11th.

Looking back at the Centennial year we had 44 members attend the NE3A Section Conclave at Camp Woodlands, traveled to Camp Babcock-Hovey for Arrow Tour and had 51 contingent members and 1 staff attend the Centennial National Order of the Arrow Conference or NOAC

at Michigan State University and that doesn't even cover our own Centennial events that we held locally. Also in this 100th year, National celebrated our finest arrowmen with the Centurion award for service as a youth or adult. Our youth Centurions are Jerry Sullivan III, Scott Schmidt, James Prowse and Sean Jones and our adults are Jerry Sullivan II, Gerry Robert and Roger Lemke. Congratulations to all our arrowmen who have received this once in a lifetime award for their meritorious service to the Order, our camps and council and for being that example of

cheerful service that we in the order strive to follow. With that I will close this year and plan for another year ahead. As a teaser, watch out for a series of Lodge Flaps that will come out in 2016 as we get ready to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ho-De-No-Sau-Neé Lodge in 2017. Happy holidays to you and your families and we'll see you along the trail.

Larry Jones
Lodge Adviser

The 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow had it's highlight event this year at Michigan State University.

Arrowmen had the opportunity to attend training classes, participate in various events & even have an opportunity to kick back and have some fun. Here we have our Lodge contingent mugging for the photographer after an overnight bus trip from our Council Service Center.

Congratulations to all the members of the Lodge who attended this event. A thank you to Mrs. Conway and the rest of the adults that helped organize this event.



A Word From Seneca Chapter Adviser

DON'T LET YOUR UNIT HIBERNATE THIS WINTER!

Michael Simkins, Seneca Chapter Adviser

Perhaps you've heard someone say Scouting is 3/4 "OUTING"? Baden-Powell intended and designed the

Scouting program to primarily an outdoor activity.



So, the challenge becomes "How do we deliver an outdoor program in an area of the country where the odds of it being cold and/or snowy are pretty good food 4 months of the year?"

The answer is quite simple actually, GET OUT AND ENJOY THE WINTER MONTHS! Just because a good number of other animals are tucked away for a cold winter's nap doesn't mean we should be. Our region offers an incredible number of winter activities and events to keep us busy throughout the winter;

Snowshoeing, Downhill and Cross-Country Skiing, Hiking, Ice Fishing, Skating, Tobogganing, and of course CAMPING!

That's right, you CAN (and should!) go camping in the winter. BSA offers many resources to help you learn what you need to know to enjoy an



overnight, weekend or longer outing in a winter wonderland, and

our region, and especially our Council camps offer plenty of winter wonderland to keep us busy!

GNFC offers annual training programs to assist you in the learning process. We'll start you out with Cold-Weather Training day, our "Winter 101" class designed to introduce you to the skills, gear and a few special tips and tricks to help you

stay warm and busy. If you're still craving more frost and fun, you can join our guides for a weekend of advanced training and actual hands-on winter camping experience at our annual OKPIK weekend held in January in the heart of "Lake Effect country". For the REALLY adventurous souls, you need to head out to BSA's pinnacle winter outing expeditions at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, MN! Regardless of the trainings or outings you choose, encourage your units to spend more time outdoors



this winter and take advantage of every-

thing winter in Western New York has to offer!

A Word From The Lodge Troop Representative Chair



How many times have you seen this patch (see image right) on the Shoulder of a fellow Arrowman? Do you know what it means?

The patch means that

the youth wearing it is his unit's Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, or OA Troop Rep, but what is an OA Troop Rep? OA Troop Rep is a leadership position that counts for rank advancement. The Senior Patrol Leader of that troop – with the ap-

proval of the Scoutmaster - appoints an arrowman (who usually asks him for the position). The Troop Rep's responsibilities are to go to his Chapter, or Lodge meetings, and bring back a report to his troop about the upcoming events. In addition, his job is to set-up and help with the Troop OA Election.

Now this may sound like a non-important job to the Order of the Arrow, but it really is. The OA Troop Rep helps get youth active in the OA by encouraging them to go to Chapter, Lodge, Section, Region, or even National Events like NOAC.

So, what is the problem with OA Troop Rep? The problem is the lack of involvement. While it is a leadership position, and the responsibilities are clear, the youth who is in that position doesn't always do his job. He doesn't fulfill his obligations, and expects his leadership to just be signed off. Even though this position helps lodges out a lot – due to the effectiveness of youth asking youth to go to events – other lodges don't have active enough troop reps to make it work. If every lodge had effective OA Troop Reps, the entirety of OA would do better.

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The Arrowman Service Award

Want to earn the only patch that you can wear on your OA sash?

You have a month left to earn the patch. One of the requirements is to attend one of our loges sponsored 100th event. Well you are in luck. We have two events scheduled for the month of December that fill this requirement. On December 11th we have Lodge Bowling (open to all lodge members) and December 26th we have our Vigil Fellowship Breakfast (open to Vigil members only). Complete the requirements by December 31, 2015, fill out the paperwork and submit it to our Lodge Adviser.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration. For more information see: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3>

Arrowmen can work on the requirements from July 16th, 2014 until December 31st, 2015. Complete the information below and satisfy the requirements listed on the backside. Use this card to track your progress and have initialed as requirements are completed.

Name _____

Lodge _____

Council _____

Once all requirements are initialed, submit this card to your lodge adviser for recognition.

Lodge Adviser Signature _____ Date _____



**YOUTH REQUIREMENTS
ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD
PROGRESS TRACKER**
For Arrowmen under 21



ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD: PROGRESS TRACKER

Initial _____

- Registered and in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge.
- Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (**bold denotes required items**)

PERSONAL GROWTH (complete two total)

- Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)** _____
- Be an Eagle Scout, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Silver/Summit award recipient; or advance one Boy Scout or Sea Scout rank or Venturing award level _____
- Participate in or staff a BSA youth leadership training course ² _____
- Earn a STEM Nova or Hornaday award _____
- Participate in an OA High Adventure program or attend a BSA High Adventure Base with your unit _____

100th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (complete two total)

- Contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100 OR contribute to your lodge's centennial history book** _____
- Attend your section's 100th anniversary conclave _____
- Attend your lodge's sponsored 100th event _____
- Attend an ArrowTour event _____
- Attend the 2015 NOAC _____

SCOUT SERVICE (complete two total)

- Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g. "in uniform") service benefiting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands (i.e. a National Forest or Park)** _____
- Serve as a chapter or lodge chairman or officer for a minimum of six months _____
- Participate as a ceremonial principal in a Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil ceremony _____
- Serve on staff of a council camp or national BSA High Adventure Base _____
- Serve in a unit leadership position for a minimum of six months _____

¹Arrowmen who were inducted as an Ordeal member after January 1st, 2015 are exempt from this requirement and need to complete only one requirement in Personal Growth.

²Suggested courses include National Youth Leadership Training, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, ILST, National Leadership Seminar, Powder Horn, Kodiak Challenge, Youth Arrowmen over 18 years of age should complete an Adult BSA training course such as Wood Badge, IOLS, or University of Scouting. For a full list of non-Youth Protection, position-specific courses, please visit www.scouting.org/training. Youth Protection training does not qualify.

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Lodge _____

Council _____

Once all requirements are initialed, submit this card to your lodge adviser for recognition.

Lodge Adviser Signature _____ Date _____



**ADULT REQUIREMENTS
ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD
PROGRESS TRACKER**
For Arrowmen 21 or older



ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD: PROGRESS TRACKER

Initial _____

- Registered and in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge.
- Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (**bold denotes required items**)

PERSONAL GROWTH (complete two total)

- Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)** _____
- Participate in or staff a BSA training course ² _____
- Attend a council long-term camp or a BSA high adventure program as a unit leader or crew adviser _____
- Recruit a new or currently inactive Scouter to serve as a registered BSA volunteer _____

100th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (complete two total)

- Contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100 OR contribute to your lodge's centennial history book** _____
- Attend your section's 100th anniversary conclave _____
- Attend your lodge's sponsored 100th event _____
- Attend an ArrowTour event _____
- Attend the 2015 NOAC _____

SCOUT SERVICE (complete two total)

- Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g. "in uniform") service benefiting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands (i.e. a National Forest or Park)** _____
- Serve on staff of a council camp or national BSA High Adventure Base _____
- Support a youth chapter/lodge officer or chairman in an adviser or associate adviser capacity for a minimum of six months _____
- Serve as an active Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Team, or Venturing unit volunteer (including Unit Committee) for a minimum of six months _____
- Serve on a district/council committee or in a district/council role for a minimum of six months _____
- Provide a campership for at least 2 Scouts or Venturers to attend a council summer camp or BSA High Adventure program _____

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²Youth Protection training does not qualify. Suggested courses include Wood Badge, IOLS, University of Scouting, National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar, OA Advisers' Training at Philmont. For a full list of non-Youth Protection, position-specific courses, please visit www.scouting.org/training.

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December 2015

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1)	2)	3)	4)	5)
6) Onondaga Ceremony Meeting	7) LEC	8)	9)FW Chapter	10)	11) Lodge Bowling	12)
13)Seneca Chapter Ceremony Practice	14)	15)	16) Seneca Chapter meeting	17)	18)	19)
20)	21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)Vigil Fellowship Breakfast
27)	28)	29)	30)	31)		

- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months
- 6 - Onondaga Ceremony meeting
- 9 - Falling Waters Chapter Meeting
- 11 -Lodge Bowling
- 13 -Seneca Chapter Ceremony Meeting
- 16 -Seneca Chapter Meeting
- 26 -Vigil Fellowship Breakfast

Future Events

- Feb 12-14 2016 -Winter Fellowship
- March 5 -University of Scouting
- March 6 -Lodge Banquet & Annual Meeting

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

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You may be asking yourself, “How can I help?” There are two main answers to this. The one is to make sure that the OA Troop Rep who is in your unit does his job. The other is to talk to the Lodge Chief, and have him work on getting the OA Troop Reps to do there jobs all across the Lodge.

Although OA Troop Rep is a very beneficial, there are a few who aren’t living up to their obligations. Sadly, because of that, the OA isn’t as well off as it could be. Please, try and do *your* role, and make this a great position once again!

Alexander Saad
 Lodge Chief
 Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159

Want to be part of the 2017 National Jamboree?

Find out how you can help serve Scouting and experience an event that will go down in history!



oa-bsa.org/jamboree
 #FuelScoutingsAdventure

For more information on how you can join the Operation Arrow staff and #FuelScoutingsAdventure along with us in 2017, please visit the [Operation Arrow website](#) and follow us on Twitter, [@OperationArrow](#).

2015 Annual Lodge

Bowling



DATE: Friday, December 11, 2015

TIME: 7:00-9:15 pm

PLACE: LANCASTER LANES

4913 Transit Rd @ Losson

Depew, NY 14043

COST: \$17 - Early Bird (before Dec 4)

\$20 - Late Fee (Dec.5-10)

\$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

Online Registration: <https://wnyscouting.doubleknot.com/event/oa-bowling-2015/1814770>



HO-DE-NO-SAU-NEE VIGIL FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

8:30 AM Saturday, December 26, 2015

St. Patrick's Church

1395 George Urban Blvd
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Next to Walgreens, just west of Dick Road

Youth: FREE until 12/14. regular pricing thereafter

PRICE: \$17.00

EARLYBIRDS:\$12.00 until 12/14

WALK-INS: \$25.00 at door

PAYMENTS WIL NOT BE ACCEPTED ONLINE OR
AT THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER AFTER 12/22



Please return this Portion to the G.N.F.C. Office

OA LODGE 159 VIGIL FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 12/26/2015

Name: _____ Troop: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending : _____

X FREE FOR YOUTH UNTIL 12/14

X \$12.00 = \$ _____ UNTIL 12/14

X \$17.00 = \$ _____ FROM 12/15 to 12/22

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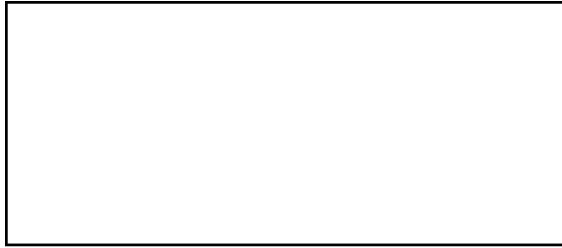
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Online Registration:

<https://wnyscouting.doubleknot.com/event/vigil-fellowship-breakfast-2015/1825805>

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