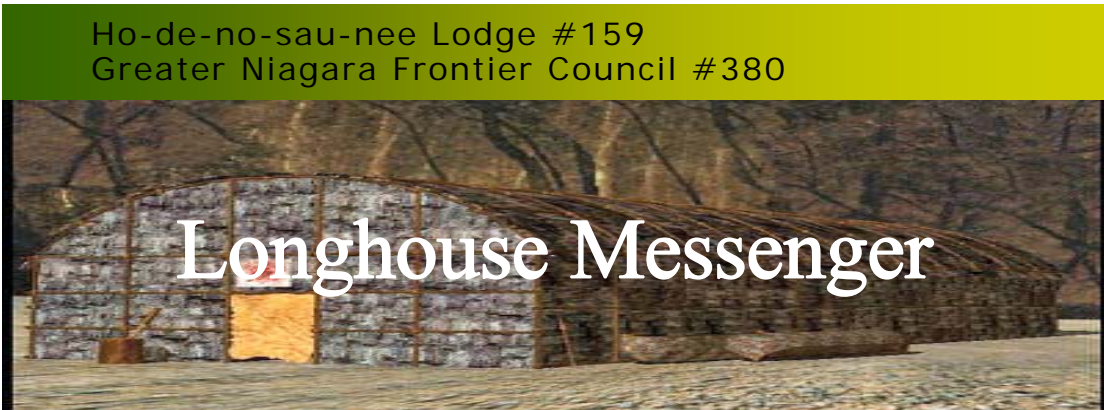




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A Word From the Seneca Chapter Adviser

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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

DON'T LET YOUR UNIT HIBERNATE THIS WINTER!

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?"

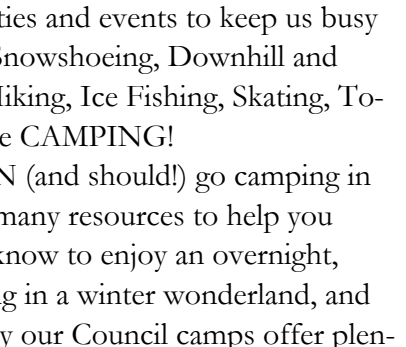
The answer is quite simple actually, **GET OUT AND ENJOY THE WINTER MONTHS!** Just because a good number of other animals are tucked away for a cold winter's nap doesn't mean we should be.



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!



A Thank You from an Arrowman Profiled in Scouting Magazine

Brothers,

As many are now aware, I was featured in an article published in the Jan/Feb 2017 issue of *Scouting Magazine* regarding what I've learned about the OA. While its focus is on me and how my troop went from sash and dash to where it is today, I did not get to this point on my own. Along the way I have been surrounded by more than a thousand brothers who have been part of this OA journey in some way or another and the most important to me are those in my units and in this lodge. We all serve the OA and scouting in different ways – what each of you does supports all of us and changes lives. I have been truly inspired by each of you in this lodge. Your countless hours of service to this order, our lodge and scouting continue to inspire me and others to do the same.

I am deeply indebted to a few people who played a bigger role in this story than they realize: First, Travis Militello who as Lodge Chief called me out twice – once at the 2013 Vigil Breakfast and then to our National Vice Chief in 2014 when he asked me to describe how Troop 457 made the switch from “sash and dash” to Unit of Excellence. That connection directly resulted in this article and to two others previously published by the National OA.

Next, there wouldn't be a story if it weren't for Noah Gould and Anthony Rinaldo who as OA Troop Reps liked what they saw in the lodge and inspired those in our unit to join us. Both went on to take major roles in the lodge and set the example for the OA troop reps that continue to follow them. Their level of dedication inspired me and others strive to do more than we ever thought possible. They are truly men of service and many have followed their lead.

Special thanks go out to Larry Jones and Jamie Prowse who both answered my numerous questions over the years and provided me and the scouts I serve with information, support, and access to numerous opportunities in the OA – from SummitCorps, NOAC, NLS, OA Unit of Excellence, and more. Because of their efforts, members of my units took on roles and traveled to places we never knew existed. – we surpassed our dreams and have learned anything is possible.

Lastly to Michael Hynes, who as a scout from a neighboring troop inspired me to seek out membership in the order in the first place by his constant nudging that started before I was even eligible to seek out a nomination. His example of leadership in service and stories of his OA experiences gave me my first glimpse of the OA.

Thank you all for what you have already done for the Order, your ongoing support of our youth members, and that which you are about to do... I am humbled to be a messenger for the order and truly blessed to be able to call each of you brother.

FYI - if you missed it, the digital version is here - <https://scoutingmagazine.org/2016/12/meet-ginny-conway-scouters-supports-order-arrow/>

Yours in Brotherhood and Service,
Ginny Conway
Gahowes Macheli Skahenso



Election Season is upon us

Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee ~ Lodge 159, Order of the Arrow, holds candidate elections between **January 1st & April 30th**. All requests for elections must be submitted a minimum of 3 weeks before the date they are held.

No one can conduct an election in their own troop with out a trained and authorized representative of the lodge present.

You can request the Order of the Arrow Election Team to conduct an election by submitting the following form: Election Request Form 2018—<http://bit.ly/2A7KYSG>

2017 Annual Lodge Bowling



DATE: Friday, December 8, 2017

TIME: 7:00-9:15 pm

PLACE: AIRPORT LANES

3754 Genesee St.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225



COST: \$17 - Early Bird (before Dec 1)

\$20 - Late Fee (Dec.2-7)

\$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

Vigil Fellowship Breakfast



8:30 AM Saturday, December 30, 2017



St. Patrick's Church
1395 George Urban Blvd
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Nest to Walgreens, just west of Dick Road

YOUTH: FREE until 12/23, regular pricing thereafter

PRICE: \$15.00

EARLYBIRDS: \$10.00 until 12/23

WALK-INS: \$20:00 after

**PAYMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE
COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER AFTER 12/23**



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

O.A. LODGE 159 VIGIL FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 12/30/17

Name: _____ Troop: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending: _____ X FREE FOR YOUTH UNTIL 12/23

X \$10.00 = \$ _____ UNTIL 12/23

X \$15.00 = \$ _____ FROM 12/24 to 12/30

Method of payment:

() Cash () Check (Make Check Payable to GNFC) Credit ()

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____

X _____

The cardholder agrees to the amount shown above and agrees to perform the obligations set forth in the cardholder's agreement with the issuer.

Greater Niagara Frontier Council
Boy Scouts of America
2860 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14225

Acct: OAVIG



Vigil Class of 2017

Front row left to right, Patrick Stouter; Lisa Seeley; Conrad Swanson; Connor Gilmartin; Stephen Stouter Jr.

2nd Row L to R, Jeffrey Wagner; Sebastian Bodkin; Francis Masi Jr; Alexander Melisz; Willard Crosby

3rd Row L to R; Dennis Gilmartin; Guy Kulwanoski; Stephen Stouter Sr.

Request a unit election

Do you know it is Unit Election time?? Each year from January 1st to April 30th all of the Boy Scout units can request an election of all eligible youth 1st class and above for induction into the Order of the Arrow. You can request an election by checking with your chapter chiefs or any of the officers and advisers, contacting the lodge (either with the [elections email](#) or [lodge email](#)) or by picking up a form at the office.

Our election team would be happy to do a Summer Camp promotion along with the troop election.

1. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who holds the First Class rank or higher, is under the age of 21, and is registered as an active member of the troop or team may, with the approval of his unit leader, be nominated for election. Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications.
2. The youth must have experienced 15 nights of Boy Scout camping while registered with a troop or team within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement. The balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

A Word From the Seneca Chapter Adviser (cont. from page 1)

Regardless of the trainings or outings you choose, encourage your units to spend more time outdoors this winter and take advantage of everything winter in Western New York has to offer!

The James E. West Fellowship Award



James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and he served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to—and not replace or diminish—the donor’s annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else—such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary—or in memory of a special individual. If an institution is truly “the lengthened shadow of one man,” it is more than fitting that the BSA honor James E. West’s major contributions to Scouting in such a significant way.

Our lodge made three contributions to the council endowment fund in late 2016 honoring arrowman who have given unselfish service to the lodge. Each is a Vigil Honor Member and a Founders Award recipient who play an active roles in our lodge, the order and scouting.

Congratulations go out to Larry Jones, Jamie Prowse, and Rick Tornow who were selected for this honor by our youth leadership. Each was presented with a certificate and a uniform knot.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Lodge Executive Committee: December 4, 2017, 7 pm - Council Service Center

Lodge Bowling: December 9, 2017, 7:00-9:15 pm - Airport Lanes

Lodge Leadership Development: December 16, 2017, 9 am - 4 pm - Council Service Center

Vigil Breakfast: December 30, 2017, 8:30 am - St. Patrick’s Church, 1395 George Urban Blvd

Unit Elections Begin: January 1, 2018

Lodge Executive Committee: January 8, 2018, 7 pm - Council Service Center

Movie Marathon: January 19, 2018 , 7 pm to January 20, 2018, 9 am - Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 Ohara Rd, Tonawanda

Lodge Executive Committee: February 5, 2018, 7 pm - Council Service Center

Winter Fellowship: Fri, February 9, 2018, 6pm – Sun, February 11, 2018, 9am, Camp Stonehaven

University of Scouting: March 3, 2018 Location: TBA

Lodge Annual Banquet and Membership Meeting: March 4, 2018 Location: TBA

Lodge Executive Committee: March 5, 2018, 7 pm - Council Service Center

OA Broomball: March 17, 2018 Location : TBA

Unit Elections End: April 30, 2018

Lodge Executive Committee: April 2, 2018, 7 pm - Council Service Center

Falling Waters Induction & Service Weekend: Fri, May 4, 2018, 6pm – Sun, May 6, 2018, 9am, Camp Stonehaven

Lodge Executive Committee: May 7, 2018, 7 pm - Council Service Center

Section Conclave: Fri, June 1, 2018, 6pm – Sun, June 3, 2018, 10am - Camp Sam Wood

Lodge Executive Committee: June 4, 2018, 7 pm - Council Service Center

Onondaga Induction & Service Weekend: Fri, June 15, 2018, 6pm – Sun, June 17, 2018, 9am - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation

Seneca Induction & Service Weekend: Fri, June 15, 2018, 6pm – Sun, June 17, 2018, 9am - Camp Scouthaven

December 2017

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
3)	4)	5)	6)	7)	8)	9) OA Bowling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months • 4 - LEC
10) Onondaga Ceremony meeting	11)	12)	13) Falling Waters Chapter Meeting	14)	15)	16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-OA Bowling • 10-Onondaga Ceremony Meeting
17)	18)	19)	20) Seneca Chapter Meeting	21)	22)	23) Halloween Fun Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-Falling Waters Chapter Meeting • 16-LLD- Lock in
24)	25)	26)	27)	28)	29)	30) Vigil Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-Seneca Chapter Meeting 30-Vigil Breakfast <p>Upcoming Events in January</p>
31)							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1—April 30 Unit Elections • 19-Movie Marathon

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

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)



Do you want to be a leader within the lodge? A future lodge chief perhaps? Well, all member should attend the Lodge Leadership Development Course. It takes place one day (usually in early spring or late fall) at one of our camps and it teaches you what it takes to be a leader in the lodge in addition to being fun and enjoyable. You also meet many people in the lodge! Keep looking out for a sign up sheet and information on this site to participate.

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training at the Council Service Center on Sat, December 16, 9am - 4pm. LLD will provide you training in Lodge programs and leadership that will help you become the leader you want to be for the lodge, your troop and in your everyday life. There is no cost for this, it is open for both the youth and adults in the lodge. Lunch will be provided (or you can bring your own) so we ask that you register so we will have an idea on how many are attending. We hope to see you there.

Please, reply via [email](mailto:lodge.chief@oalodge159.org) (mailto:lodge.chief@oalodge159.org) whether you will be attending. Remember that LLD is one of our Journey to Excellence criteria and I promise you will learn more about the functioning of the Lodge from our fantastic trainers! As always, keep on top of the Lodge and Chapter events by checking the Lodge Calendar at <http://bit.ly/159Calendar>

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