

A Word from the Lodge Chief

Brothers,



We've had a productive last couple of months. The lodge has completed our fall service weekends and inducted 35 new Ordeal and 27 new Brotherhood members. After that weekend we have a total of 838 members in our lodge and a brotherhood conversion rate of 30.14%. With these new figures we have completed all of the requirements for quality lodge and are officially a quality lodge for 2009. I would like to extend a big thank you to all our new Brotherhood members who converted and helped us achieve our goal. I would also like to thank all of those who hunted down dues and Ordeal members to commit to converting, especially Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Binz.

Be sure to check the lodge website for upcoming events and information and to support your chapter!

WWW,

Jim Prowse
Lodge Chief



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Longhouse Messenger

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Special Arrows of Interest

⇒ Remember to go to your monthly Chapter Meetings. Don't know when or where they are? Contact your Chapter Chief.

A Word From the Lodge Advisor

Our Lodge Chief has asked all of our members to help promote Scout Camping and the Order of the Arrow whenever they can. Part of the plan to accomplish this request is to increase the number of times we publish this news letter each year and to explore other methods of getting important information out to everyone in a timely manner. To help accomplish this I will be using some of my articles to cover the special accomplishments of our members and to explore opportunities for Adults in the Lodge.

To start this off, I would like to congratulate Ian Shick, Dan Berger, Peter Raichel and Mike Raichel for finishing their NLS "contract" and completing the requirements of the National Leadership Seminar training they attended this spring. In addition, Larry & Sean Jones have completed their contracts from last year's course. The "contract" they designed and committed to complete is much like a Woodbadge "ticket" and requires them to use their leadership skills to help their unit, district, chapter or lodge. If anyone is interested in attending an NLS course in the future,

please let me or Jim Prowse know so we can include you on the list of people wishing to take advantage of this training.

The next set of thanks and congratulations go to the 44 members of the lodge who attended and the 3 members who were on staff at NOAC in August. As you may have seen on the council & lodge web sites, the members of the Falling Waters & Seneca ceremonial teams received recognition and medals as Honor Teams in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony evaluations. Their hard work and dedication was nationally recognized and is well deserved. The lodge also had two members complete the requirements to become Trainers for the Leave No Trace program. Paul Lucas and Andy Skelton spent over 8 hours everyday in class and then did "Homework" to complete this course and become certified trainers.

I also need to thank the 81 people who attended all or part of our 2009 Summer Fellowship weekend at SSR. Everyone I spoke with had a good time at this "fun" event and

are looking forward to more in the future.

I would also like to ask the adult members of the lodge to consider stepping up and helping out by working with the youth on any of the many committees operated by the chapters and the lodge. We currently have the need for additional advisors for the lodge's Troop Representative and Activities Committees. If you are over 21 and are considering a change in your scouting responsibilities, please give the Lodge and Chapters some thought. All of our committees are looking for additional adults to help guide the youth chairmen as they perform their duties, If you can help, please let me or one of our chapter advisors know of your interest.

Sincerely

Jerry Sullivan II

Lodge Advisor.

A Word From the Food Service Advisor

The policy of the Boy Scouts of America should follow the principles of Leave No trace camping when we get together for a service week-end, fun event, or any OA function when we are out at a scout camp.

Due to the rising cost of paper products, supplies and such the OA food Teams are trying to come up with alternative ways to serve meals. If dishes and plates are available at a Scout camp we try to use them. We recycle what we can and it makes good sense for us to do this. We need to be good stewards of our materials and to use and reuse what we can.

On OA weekends scouts use cups for drinking. They take a cup, have a drink and then throw it away. Then they take another cup instead of reusing the first one or bringing one from home. I do believe that at all troop events that mess kits, silverware and

cups are required for the week-end camping trips.

I am asking the Lodge Chapter Chief's to try and instruct all members and candidates to bring a cup to camp. Maybe the Chapter can find a source of plastic imprinted logo cups to sell at a week-end as a fund raiser, or start a lending cup library.

The Seneca chapter is going so far as to not provide cups for the week-ends. You should bring a spare so that you can loan it out to a cup-less scout. It is a bold step but we need to be frugal in our allotment of funds for a week-end. We try to provide a great meal, but with food costs going up we need to watch our allotment for provisions.

From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Brothers,

I would like to congratulate the new Ordeal members that came out to Stonehaven in September. Also, to those members who converted to Brotherhood. Thank you to all that came out to camp and helped, especially the staff that worked so hard to make the weekend a success. Our Chapter is still working on a permanent location for their chapter meetings but we are temporarily

going to meet at Stonehaven. Come out and see what the Chapter is up to at our next meeting. Hope to see you there.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Brandon Minicucci, Falling Waters Chapter Chief

A Word From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

Hello my brothers;

It has been a couple moons and suns since we have last met. Our Chapter meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at St. Peter and Paul's Church in Depew.

We need to recruit more ceremonial members and current members need to see me for new ideas I have in mind.

If you do not know if you want to be on the ceremonial team. Come out any way we say "no" to no one and say "welcome to our circle" to everyone. The ceremonial team also needs behind the scenes guys too. What that means is that you be like stage crew.

Our ceremonial meeting grounds will be held the first Sunday of every month at 669 Erie street, Lancaster from 7- 8:30 (it is

a white house)

Well my brothers I must leave you now I hope to see you all at St. Peter and Paul's church in Depew. From 7-8:30

Yours in **Wimachtendiennk**

Peter Raichel (smiles)

Onondaga Chapter Chief

A Word From the Onodaga Chapter Advisor

Greetings,

The fall season is upon us and we've welcomed in our new brothers from the fall service weekends. I do hope you had the opportunity to join us at one of them. At SSR we stained the kitchen in Philips cabin and almost finished the outside of Schoellkopf cabin before the rain made a visit. Members also helped load fire wood for transport to the quad and did some trimming on the dam. While doing that we were able to clear the secondary runoff culverts at the end of the boat lake dam. Even with all we accomplished these weekends there is much more that needs to be done at all our camps. If you have a weekend afternoon free and can provide help I'm sure the

rangers would be able to find you a job and be very grateful for the help. You will also get credit for your service hours to the camps. In such instances we will have forms at all the camps for members to fill out. If the forms can't be found please let the lodge know at the address info@lodge159.org and we will make sure you receive one.

If you are interested in joining the Onondaga Chapter Ceremonial Team we hold our meetings on the first Sunday of the month. You can contact Mr. Gerry Robert for more details at 684-3753. We are always looking for new members to join us and help the team grow. You've all seen the teams in action, here's your opportunity to join them in the fun.

On a third and final note for this newsletter the Onondaga Chapter meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at Saints Peter and Paul, 66 Burlington Avenue in Depew at 7 pm. This will give you the opportunity to find out what's happening with the Lodge and take this information back to your troops. We do hope you will be able to join us. As always if you have any questions, concerns or comments I am always available by either email or a phone call.

Until we meet again,

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Larry Jones

Up and Coming Dates

November 2009

2 LEC Meeting @ CSC

December 2009

7 LEC Meeting @ CSC

11 Lodge Bowling

January 2010

4 LEC Meeting @ CSC

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center,
LEC - Lodge Executive Committee

Would You Like To Write An Article For the Newsletter?

If you are at all interested, please feel free to contact me, Sean Jones, by email at sjones159@verizon.net. The Longhouse Messenger is not just for the Lodge Officers to write an article, it is for anyone. I, as well as everyone else in the Lodge, would be interested in what you have to say. So, if you would like to send in an article to be published in our newsletter, send it to my email address above by November 18th. There is a lot of room in the newsletter, as you can see, for your words of wisdom, news about something going on in lodge, or just anything that you would like to let every lodge member know.

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Sean Jones

Communications Chairperson



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