



## A Word from the Lodge Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

Hello everyone. First, I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers. Brandon Minicucci was elected our Falling Waters Chapter Chief, James Prowse was elected our Seneca Chapter Chief, Dan Torow was elected our Service Vice-Chief, and Travis Zukic was elected Program Vice-Chief. Michael Hynes was reelected as Onondaga Chapter Chief, Dan Quinn was reelected for Secretary, Fred Briggs was reelected Treasurer, and I was reelected Lodge Chief.

A new year is beginning and we are on our way to becoming a quality lodge. The Ordeal Weekends coming up will be very important to us achieving this honor. With our new inductions, as well as brotherhood conversions, we can have positive growth and make at least 30% brotherhood conversions for this year, which is why I would like to ask all ordeal members that have been members of our order for at least the past ten months to seal your bond in the brotherhood. If you are not able to attend the Ordeal Weekend, we will also be having one in the fall, also at Schoellkopf during the summer on Thursday's, the Order of the Arrow Camp Chief will be organizing Brotherhood Ceremonies, so there are plenty of chances

to convert during the year.

For this year, I would encourage all of our members to come to our lodge events. Our lodge participation is not as good as it could be. Event after event, I see many of the same faces, and rarely see any new participants. I cannot stress this enough. Also troop representatives now need to fill out a form, so that the lodge knows that you are a troop representative, this form, if not now, will be available on the lodge website, as well as the national website for those interested.

I would like to say thank you to all of our faithful members who are always attending events, those officers who attend every meeting, the advisors who lead the youth in the right direction, and of course the parents who always transport our youth to lodge functions, and always try to make sure they are there. Thank you for all of your support in this brotherhood of honored campers.

WWW,  
Sean I. Jones  
Lodge Chief

## A Word from the Lodge Staff Advisor

Brothers (and Sisters) ...

If you have been around the Lodge lately, you might have seen what I have seen. Hard working youth and adults, toiling in the camp kitchens and parking lots, behind the scenes making yet another GNFC event a success. OA members carrying heavy objects into and out of snowy school buildings to assist with a major training event...working with Cub Scouts to teach

them new skills...celebrating personal achievement in service at the annual banquet...having fun at broomball or bowling...working hard to plan the June Section Conclave...choosing to fund a new laser printer for the GNFC office...reaming, steaming, and dry-cleaning 3000 totes to raise funds for worthy projects...performing impressive ceremonies at Eagle Courts of Honor...

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### Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ Ordeal Weekends June 20-22  
At Schoellkopf and Scouthaven
- ⇒ Section NE-3A Conclave June  
6th-8th @ Scouthaven

## From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

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Hello Brothers:

I just wanted to tell every that I truly am proud to be a part of Ho De No Sau Nee Lodge # 159 for all the wonderful brotherhood and cheerful service. I have taken a second term as your chief and I can not wait. Unit elections are in full swing and go till the end of April. Make sure to schedule one for your troop if there are eligible candidates. I think that the lodge is the best one in the nation. Our events are the Lodge Winter Fellowship weekend at Camp Stone Haven, Cub Scout Winter Fun day at Chestnut Ridge Park. Lodge Dinner @ Bowmansville

Fire Hall. Broom Ball at Nichols was blast. Don't forget to mark your calendar The NE 3A Section Conclave is June 6-8, 2008 at Camp Scout Haven. Our next chapter meetings are April 9 and May 14 at Lancaster High School at 7 pm . At the May meeting there will be pizza and pop to celebrate fellowship. The Spring Ordeal weekend is June 20-22 at SSR. If your troop would like to schedule an election please let me or Mr. Jones know. We hope to see you at the event. The upcoming tote washes are April 5th and June 14th at McKesson Drugs from 9-3 lunch will be provided. Do not forget OA day at

camp is every Thursday. Our Summer Fellowship is at Scout Haven in August. We look forward to see you at our next event. If anyone would like to get more involved please contact me via e-mail [mikehynes@roadrunner.com](mailto:mikehynes@roadrunner.com) or 633-8248. As always remember this quote "We are Brotherhood of Cheerful service". Also if anyone has ideas for a new chapter name please let us know.

Your Chapter Chief:  
Michael C. Hynes

## From the Seneca Chapter Chief

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Howdy,

This your Seneca Chapter chief reporting to all of my fellow arrow men, for this year we are starting to get elections out of the way so we can move on to the fellowship in our life's. So if your troop has

not yet scheduled an election or has not yet been contacted please take some time and contact your chapter chief about having one so we can carry on with our life with ease. Also I will not be your chief for the next year I am sorry to say it has been fun and I hope to see you at some of

the lodge and section events coming up. If you wish to contact me for any reason launch me an E-mail at [adamlloyd840@yahoo.com](mailto:adamlloyd840@yahoo.com)

Yours in Fellowship,  
Adam Lloyd

## From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

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Dear Brothers,

Brothers of the Falling Waters Chapter, a new year is here, so that means a new chance for me to serve as your chapter chief. There are a few things I want to tell the members of my chapter. First, I want to thank all those arrowmen that

helped in anyway during my term. Second, don't be afraid to come out to events. All of you newer members, don't be scared, everyone that is active will be one feeling as you do. Come out to an event, and you will meet new people and you will have a blast. All you Ordeal members who have been active for more

than 10 months, it's time to convert to Brotherhood at the Spring Ordeal Weekend. Sign-up now! Everyone is welcome at the weekend, and remember, cheerful service.

Y. I. B.,  
Travis Zukic

## From the Onondaga Chapter Advisor

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Hello Brothers,

Fellowship. What is it? I guess the simple definition is a feeling of friendship, relatedness or connection between people, a group of individuals with a common purpose. I'm thinking about this sitting at home after taking a short nap following our winter fellowship at Camp Stonehaven. Those of us who attended had a great time, if you couldn't make it due to other commitments, you were thought of and missed. To those members of the lodge who for whatever reason do not attend the lodge events this was a missed opportunity to meet your fellow brothers and sisters who share a common bond in

the world of scouting. As you read this other events may have come and gone but please join us for the next event you can. You will have a great time. Events coming up throughout the year include the section conclave, our spring ordeals, Arrowcorp5, the summer fellowship following summer camp, fall ordeals and the lodge bowling night just before Christmas. This is just a small list of things you can do with the lodge. If you want more information about any or all of these events please contact any of the officers in your chapters. We are always there to help. There is still time to schedule your unit elections and you may do so by contacting the lodge or filling out the request

form on the council and lodge website. And speaking of fellowship Mike Hynes and myself would like to invite you to join us at our up coming chapter meetings at our roundtable meetings. They are at Lancaster High School at 7pm on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the final one of the year will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme for May 14<sup>th</sup> is a night of fellowship and in that vein Mike and I would like to invite you to join us for pizza and pop that evening and enjoy some fellowship.

Y.I.B.,  
Larry Jones  
Onondaga Chapter Advisor  
[Larryj1300@verizon.net](mailto:Larryj1300@verizon.net)

# Up and Coming Dates

## April 2008

- 7 LEC meeting
- 8 Chapter Meeting (FW)
- 30 Chapter Meeting (SEN) @ CSC: A Soldier for Freedom

## May 2008

- 5 LEC Meeting
- 14 Chapter Meeting (ON-FW)
- 21 Chapter Meeting (SEN)

## June 2008

- 2 LEC Meeting
- 6-8 NE-3A Section Conclave
- 18 Chapter Meeting (FW)
- 25 Chapter Meeting (SEN)
- 20-22 Ordeal Weekends (Scouthaven and Schoellkopf)

Please send your comments, suggests, and unanswered questions to the staff of the Longhouse Messenger at [Lodge159LHM@Hotmail.com](mailto:Lodge159LHM@Hotmail.com). You may also send your comments to the Lodge Executive Committee at [info@oalodge159.org](mailto:info@oalodge159.org)

# A Word from the Lodge Staff Advisor (contd.)

Arrowmen have a habit of stepping up when help is needed. Sometimes we argue, sometimes we debate, always we act. Right now your Lodge needs you to step up, to act. We need to reach out to every OA member to pay dues, convert from Ordeal to Brotherhood, to attend service weekends, to participate in OA

day at Camp Schoellkopf, to take an active role as a chapter or lodge officer. Bring a friend to the next event. Make sure your local Scoutmaster has an OA lecture. Ask a troop to attend summer camp...at Schoellkopf. Remember what it was like at your Ordeal Around the ceremonial fire at the end

of a long day? Let's make sure that we kindle that fire for someone new this year. See you at the next one!

Tom Johnston  
District Director  
Greater Niagara Frontier Council  
Boy Scouts of America

## Troop 440 Winners At Broomball 2008!

Broomball is over for another year with a new champion. Congratulations to the team from troop 440, The Funyuns. They years troop 431 who fielded two teams this year defeated the champs from the previous two. Each team received a lot of ice time playing at least 4 games in the round robin tournament. Thanks to all who participated in the event and thanks to Nichols school for the ice time. It's not too early to be thinking of next year. Get your team set, we want 2009 to be bigger and better. If you know someone from another Lodge in our section, talk it up about all the fun we have.



The Funyuns from Troop 440, Broomball 2008

## A Word from the Seneca Chapter Advisor

Welcome, Seneca Arrowmen! ,the youth of our chapter have decided on monthly themes, to make our chapter meetings more fun. The theme for March was the Elangomat or friend program. Dan Quinn youth, along with supervisors Mr. Ron Mcleod and Mr. Dan Berger gave us an overview of how the program is going to work. Elangomats are akin to a big brother. We are looking for arrowmen to volunteer. We need active arrowmen to partner with a youth who is going through the ordeal process. We are CHEERFUL SER-VANTS! Please contact brother Dan Quinn if you are interested at [dhquinn@MSN.com](mailto:dhquinn@MSN.com)

April theme is Soldier for Freedom-- We have 1st SG Troy Steward, who grew up scouting in WNY and is still serving his country. He spent time in Operation Desert Storm and in Afghanistan. He will speak about his life experiences at GNFC Hq on Wed April 30th @7:30 pm. This is open to all Lodge 159 members for free, sponsored by the Seneca Chapter. We will have our Ceremonial team, and Color guard for him. Please come out to honor him.

May's theme will be presented by our past Seneca Chapter Advisor Mr. Dennis Smigiera. He has a PowerPoint presentation about his son's Adam's aircraft carrier with all the great jet shots.

I need to personally thank Mr. Smigiera, for all his years of service, he has passed the torch to me as Seneca Chapter Advisor, I will try not to drop it!

I need to thank Mr. Adam Lloyd, for his two years as Seneca Chapter Chief--- they burned his house down but he still stayed on!!! Great job Adam.

Mr. James Prowse has been elected as our new Seneca Chapter chief, we look forward to his leadership as he keeps Seneca Chapter moving forward. Best of luck Brother Prowse.

Please, Please, Please help us with the section Conclave at camp Scouthaven June 6-7-8-08. We need as many volunteers available to help work with up to 300 arrowmen that weekend. We are the Host Lodge. The cost is \$40.00 if you pay by 5-01-08 I am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces there.

Lastly, our Chapter Ordeal / work weekend is June 20-21-22-08 @ Camp Scouthaven. I hope to see you there for Ordeal, Brotherhood conversion or just great fellowship.

The Seneca Chapter is looking for your spirit!!!! Let us draw it out of you--- we need our youth and adult leaders to step up!!!!!!

Yours in the Brotherhood WWW,  
Jim Pankow

## From The Lodge Advisor

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Greeting in Service,

Where has all the time gone? It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating the winter holidays and now we are rapidly approaching spring and summer. This approach has been quite a learning curve for me personally in lodge leadership, as I have previously stated I cannot thank each of you for your input, support and tolerance with the many steps of this journey. To date we are off to a decent start for the New Year, we have been re-chartered with the national office and may continue to do our great work. It is unfortunate that we did not make quality lodge in 2007 due to three major items: 1) failure to achieve positive growth, mainly the result of an internal audit during transition to Lodge master, the approved/endorsed membership management tool, and removal of a good number of members who were one or more years in arrears for dues, if you have been

dropped from the roles and desire reinstatement, or have not received a dues renewal letter from the lodge please contact the lodge at [info@oalodge159.org](mailto:info@oalodge159.org) to identify the possible situation and begin the reinstatement process. Lodge leadership is actively doing elections at this time to ensure inductions. While dealing with elections they are also trying to track down members who have not paid dues for 2008. Please assist them by paying your dues ASAP. 2) Failure to achieve brotherhood conversion rate of at least 30% of eligible members. If you have been an ordeal member for at least ten months, you are eligible. Please consider converting to brotherhood at the earliest time and date. We each began a process of growth as servant leaders at our ordeal a process that should lead to brotherhood. 3) Failure to conduct a Lodge Leadership Development Course: the next one will be held in the April time frame and is strongly encouraged for all lodge leader-

ship, and open to all members. Especially, those who may desire to lead within their chapter or the lodge in general, we can always use more youth involvement in leadership, and it is your lodge. Looking toward the future I look forward to seeing many of you at the lodge dinner, the Section Conclave, the spring service weekends, and at camp this summer. Remember, were we are alone or in fellowship, we carry the spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

YIS,  
J. DeLair  
Lodge Advisor

## From Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

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To All Polaris Chapter OA Members:

Our chapter name has been changed to Falling Waters. Most of our future communications will be by email or posted on the lodge website, which can be linked from the council website. Please visit the site often so you can be aware of

our upcoming events and activities. As all the dues notices come in, I am planning on establishing an email database so I can inform all the chapter members of news in a timely manner. In the meantime please email me at [azukic@verizon.net](mailto:azukic@verizon.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

Anton Zukic  
Chapter Advisor  
Phone#: 716-773-4569

## From Lodge Advisory Chaplain

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Greeting in Brotherhood,

As we approach the spring season, which is difficult to imagine given the recent weather patterns, we approach many festivals and celebrations. These celebrations revolve around a central theme of deliverance and liberation. This deliverance and liberation is often linked to the idea of slavery or captivity to some tyrant or being. Perhaps the largest tyrant or being in life is the one of an uncertain purpose or a less than meaningful existence. I would suggest that we as arrowmen have found a path to find real purpose and meaning in life. I personally

have found that one of the paths to liberation in life is in knowing that real living comes in giving, giving service to others. As we have each experienced we are recognized by our peers for having lived the ideals of the scout oath and law, we have been given an opportunity to provide service. The true path becomes evident with our continued involvement in the order; we begin to lead in service. Ultimately, we should be striving to grow into servant leaders and carry that message to others. We have found the answer to meaning in life; strive in this season to spread the spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service; that spirit is always present be-

cause I know each of you carry it with you. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Section Conclave and spring service weekends as we induct new brothers into our noble order, and set them upon the path of liberation.

Rev. J. DeLair, PhD  
Lodge Chaplain

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