



Longhouse Messenger

A Word from the Lodge Chief

Brothers,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Easter and Spring Break this past April. I know that I enjoyed my chocolate-filled weekend. Now as this Spring season comes to an end and June begins our Summers, we are getting ready to welcome in our new slate of officers. The new officers, for the most part, have worked along side me for the past few years and I believe that they will all do a impressive job running the lodge. Our incoming Lodge Chief is James Prowse, and he, along with our other newly elected officers, will take office at the conclusion of our June LEC Meeting. Along with these officers are our new advisors, Mr. Sullivan II, the Lodge Advisor, and our Lodge Staff Advisor, Mr. Binz. This new lodge leadership is promising and I can only seeing the lodge getting better as time goes on because of them. I wish them the best of luck.

As we welcome our summer, we should all be thinking ahead to future. Our lodge has a contingent of members that already have. These members are of the 40 or so members that plan on going to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. It is the largest gathering of OA members in the nation and it doesn't come around every year. So, for those of you who are going to be missing out this year, I urge you to ask around, talk to people who have gone to a NOAC before and ask them how much fun that they had, how much fellowship that they experienced and how unique the opportunity to take part in this activity. I personally have never been to one, and as much as I know that I would really enjoy it, I will not be going to this year's

either. I'm going to be missing out on the fun, and I have to wait a few more years until the next NOAC rolls around. It is really too good of an experience to pass up, so if you already have missed out, please, for your own benefit, don't let the next one pass by.

Looking back on my experience as a lodge officer, I realize that I have learned many important things. A leader is only as good as those who follow him. Now another two years have past and I can tell that because of my experience as a lodge officer, I have become a better arrowmen, a better scout, and a better person. The experience that I have gained here in the order of the arrow and in scouts as a whole can only benefit me. You all have the opportunity to take part as a lodge officer, or in the case of our 21 year olds and up, advisors. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." This statement is universally empowering. If you do decide to run for an office, do your best to be a good officer. If you decide not to, I urge you to do the same with whatever you plan on doing. I believe that I have been the best lodge chief that I could have been.

WWW,

Sean Jones

Lodge Chief

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A Word From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Hello Brothers,

The Chapter is now really starting to flourish. I would like to see a greater attendance at our meetings. Please contact me for information about our next meeting at moneypit11@verizon.net. I'm looking to fill positions in the Chapter, so if you are interested in getting more involved, please get in touch with me.

Also, remember that our Ordeal Weekend is June 5th - 7th at Camp Stonehaven. I hope to see you all at our up and coming events.

WWW,

Brandon Minicucci

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Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ NOAC @ Indiana University this Summer!
- ⇒ NE - 3A Section Conclave August 14th - 16th
- ⇒ Have a great Summer!

A Word From the Vice-Chief of Service

Dear Brothers

It is becoming the time again to help serve and induct our new members. The spring induction weekends are around the corner. It is my duty to ask you to please come and help me serve. The induction

weekend at Camp Stonehaven is June 5th-7th. Respectively the weekends at Camps Schoellkopf and Scouthaven are June 19th - 21st. Thanks to all of you who are and will help in the honored brotherhood of cheerful service. I will personally be at both Camp

Stonehaven and Camp Scouthaven. I would like to see you at one of these places.

Your Vice Chief of Service

Dan Tornow

A Word From the Chapter Chief of Onondaga

Dear Brothers,

I am very glad to be involved in the order of the arrow and in the Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge #159 and it was my honor to serve as the Onondaga Chapter Chief from 2007-2009. And I'll miss working directly with the chapter and as I move on the vice chief of program I wish Peter Raichel the best of luck as being the chapter chief for 2009-2010. During the year we had the lodge

fellowship at Stone Haven, LLD at Council, lodge banquet and Several LECs chapter meetings. Upcoming Events Ordeal Weekends in June at All three Camps. The onsite COC is may 9th at camp Woodland. Also from June 10-24th I got accepted for Northern tier High Adventure base. Then August 1-6th we have NOAC at Indiana University. Then Section Conclave at Camp Woodland in August 14-16th in Syracuse. Once again I would like to thank my brothers for allow-

ing me to serve as your chapter Chief and I wish Peter Raichel the best of luck.

Yours in Service,

Michael C. Hynes

2007-2009Onondaga Chapter chief.

A Word From the Seneca Chapter Chief

Brothers,

This has been a great year. It has been a year of growth for us all and we have accomplished many things. Now I have a few things that I need to address before this year draws to a close.

First off, we have our ordeal work weekends coming up. I encourage all, regardless if you're an ordeal candidate, ordeal, brotherhood, or vigil member to attend. We need all the help we can get and it would be a perfect opportunity to get to know some of your fellow arrowmen. Seneca's weekend this year is scheduled for June 19-21 at Camp Scouthaven. If you can also attend the Falling Waters work weekend on June 5-7, that also, would be greatly appreciated.

Second, this is a request for any arrowmen. If you are thinking of getting in-

volved more in the Order please contact me. We need help at both the chapter and lodge levels. We could use all the help we can get. Also if you know of any arrowmen in your troop that have not paid dues or that can convert to brotherhood this year please encourage them to pay, convert, or do both. The more conversions and dues paid we have, the closer we are to quality lodge.

Finally, I would like to announce, for those of you that are unaware, that I will not be the Seneca Chapter Chief this coming year. Instead I will be trying to fill the shoes left me by Sean Jones as the new Lodge Chief. This has been a exciting year for me and I have learned a lot from everyone I have met. I will be replaced by Ian Shick. He has been active in the OA through the camp promotions committee at both chapter and lodge levels. I know he will do a good job.

Now I would like to send out a very special thank you to Mr. Jim Pankow, my Chapter Advisor, for all the work he has done this year. He has been a huge help to me all year and I know that I can always count on him. Once again thank you to all of you who have made this chapter what it is.

Yours in WWW,

Jim Prowse

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A Word From the Vice-Chief of Program

fellow brothers.

this is my last newsletter article before my position gets turned over to Michael Hynes, the previous Onondaga chapter chief. a lot of fun events are planned for the next year, from summer fellowship in late August to lodge bowling in December. I urge all of the new brothers, and older brothers, to engage yourselves in these activities.

as a recap of our past event, broomball, most usually called "insanity on ice" we had 12 teams competing for the championship, and the Sharp Dressed Men of Troop 616 came out on top. it was a great event, and I thank every player that risked their sanity to play and have fun.

I hope I can see newer members, and those members that haven't been able to attend

these events, at an upcoming event. come out to see what the Order is made of.

Yours in bro-hood

Travis Zukic

Dates that You Should Keep in Mind...

June 2009

1st - LEC Meeting @ CSC
5th-7th - Ordeal Weekend @ Stonehaven
19th-21st - Ordeal Weekend @ Schoellkopf & Scouthaven

July 2009

5th - Summer Camp Begins



August 2009

1st-6th - NOAC @ Indiana University
14th-16th - Section Conclave @ Camp Woodlands

September 2009

14th - LEC Meeting @ CSC

A Word From the Onondaga Chapter Advisor

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Another winter of fun, games and camping are over and we look forward to our service weekends. I would like to congratulate Onondagans Gary Hyla and Felix Cruz III for picking up trophies at this years bowling outing. Gary had the most strikes and Felix, well, had the most gutter balls. The winter fellowship weekend, Yogihaven, greeted us with a mid winter thaw, a bit of mud and a bunch of new friends. Next time you are in Leaders Lodge at Stonehaven look for our plaque. Winter wrapped up with Broomball at Nichols Ice Rink. There was close to 100 participants and 12 full teams this year. Slipping, sliding, fun and food was had by all who attended. As we all know we are the brotherhood of cheerful service but fun is always on our schedule too. If you are new to the order or just

haven't made it to any of the events, consider this your invitation to join us any time you can. It has been a busy election season for Onondaga and we look forward to seeing many new members at the service weekends this year. Let's all mark our calendars and get out to our camps for some well needed service this spring and welcome those who have been chosen to join us in the brotherhood. Speaking of brotherhood, if you have been an Ordeal member of the lodge for at least ten months, it is time to seal your bond of brotherhood. We will not be doing brotherhood conversions at camp this summer so you have only the four service weekends to do your conversion. Please join us and seal your bonds, especially if it has been a while since you became an Ordeal member. I would be remiss if I did not send out a BIG thank you to Chapter Chief Mike Hynes for all of his hard work for the past two years in his posi-

tion. He is moving onto another position in the Lodge and I wish him well. We would also like to welcome Jerry Sullivan Jr. to his new position as Lodge Advisor and Jimmy Prowse who will be our next Lodge Chief in June. I know the Lodge will be headed in the right direction under their leadership. Hopefully I will see many of you at my most favorite of places to be, camp! See you there.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Larry Jones

Onondaga Chapter Advisor

A Word From the Lodge Banquet Chairman

Dear Brothers,

As the chair for the lodge dinner I was happy to announce to that Jim Prowse is our new lodge chief and Falling Waters won the table display we had 99 people in attendance. Everyone was proud to be there and show our fellowship. We had a great day. I would like to congratulate our

of Officers for 2009-2010 Jim Prowse-lodge chief, Michael Hynes- Vice Chief of Program, Dan Tornow- Vice Chief of Service, Dan Quinn- Secretary, Fred Briggs-Treasurer, Peter Raichel- Onondaga Chapter Chief, Ian Shick- Seneca Chapter Chief, Brandon Minniccui- Falling Waters. I look forward to next year's dinner. And thanks

to all involved.

Yours in Service,

Michael C. Hynes

Lodge Dinner Chairman

A Word From the Food Service Team Advisor

Looking for a fun way to spend an OA week-end, like to cook, and serve your brothers and sisters? The OA is putting together a list of members that would be interested in working the food service at lodge events such as conclaves and fun

week-ends. If you enjoy the woods and camping then send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to John P. Pankow, the lodges Food Service Team Chairman and we'll pass the info to the chapter vice-chief's .

Vigially yours,

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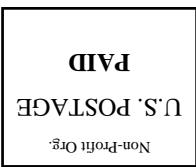
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