

A Word from the Lodge Chief



HO-DE-NO-SAU-NEE LODGE # 159
 GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL # 380

Longhouse Messenger

Brothers,

First of all I would like to give out a huge thank you to all of those who helped in the organizing of our Lodge's trip to NOAC. A special thank you to Mr. Larry Jones for all of his hard work and tireless dedication.

This trip was a huge success. NOAC was a valuable learning experience for all. Our contingent members learned new things, met ar-rowmem from across the country, and had fun in the process. Our Lodge was even lucky enough to bring back two National Honor Ceremonial Teams. This is a huge accomplishment and all members of both teams should be commended for all their effort. To all of those who were unable to join us at this year's NOAC, I urge you to try and attend in 2013 at Michigan State University. It's an amazing experience and is definitely worth your while.

Another thing that needs to be addressed is our Summer Fellowship/Vigil Induction Weekend. This year we will be holding the Fellowship at Camp Schoellkopf. The weekend is on August 28-30 and is a rock 'n' roll theme. It is going to be a blast for all and I would like to put out a special invitation to all Vigil honor members to attend. This fellowship gives you the special privilege to help I'd welcome all of our new Vigil honor members. You can sign up for the whole weekend or just the Vigil Breakfast on Sunday on the Lodge website. .

Finally, I am putting out a plea to all Ordeal members. If you are an Ordeal member and are eligible to convert to Brotherhood please do so. The next available conversion date is during our Fall Service Weekends. Falling Waters Chapter will be holding their weekend on September 18-20 at Camp Stonehaven. Onondaga Chapter will be holding their weekend on September 25-27 at Camp Schoellkopf. Finally, Seneca Chapter will be holding their weekend

on September 25-27 at Camp Scouthaven. I ask that all brothers make an effort to attend one of these Service Weekends. The more Ordeal members that convert to Brotherhood the closer we are to having a quality lodge again this year.

I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year!

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Jim Prowse
 Lodge Chief

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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

Dear Brothers in the Wimachtendienk

On February 2nd, 2009 I was officially named the new Advisor for Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159 of the Order Of The Arrow. For those of you who may not know me, I am a 30+ year member of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council and have just completed my term as the Chairman of the Council's Camping Committee. I received my Vigil Honor in 1974 as a youth after serving both as a chapter and lodge officer and have been serving for the last 12 years as the senior advisor to the Silver Lakes and Seneca Chapters ceremonial Teams.

I am making these points to show that I have been both a youth officer, a Chapter Advisor and an Advisor to various committees in the lodge in the past and am no stranger to the workings of our lodge in both good times and bad. It is now time for all arrowmen and women in our council to step up and help us rebuild our lodge so it can prosper and begin to again provide the type of leadership and service we are capable of doing for both our units and our camps.

We as a lodge are just beginning this process and need everyone's help. In the months since I became Lodge Advisor, we have made many changes and are planning even more. All of the Chapters will no longer be holding their monthly chapter meetings at the same time & location as the district roundtables, starting in September all 3 chapters will have separate times meeting times and locations. During these monthly meeting, there will be a business session where the chapter membership will review and discuss what is going on in the chapters, the lodge and the Order which will then be followed by some type of fellowship activity. Each chapter will have a full slate of youth officers just like the lodge, and in addition to their Advisor, they will have two Associate Advisors, one responsible for Program and one responsible for Service. Remember, the Order of the Arrow is a youth run organization and that is the way we plan on running it. The Advisors at all levels of our organization will be there to advise and guide the youth members as they perform their duties, not do it for them.

Since February, we have successfully held our winter fellowship weekend, Conducted elections for new lodge and chapter

officers, provided Lodge Leadership Development training for 31 new officers and advisors and sponsored a National Leadership Seminar at Scouthaven which provided the opportunity for 12 of our members to attend a regional training event along with 29 people from other lodges in the Northeast Region. In addition we have completed our service weekends at all 3 council camps where we inducted over 130 new members and conducted our annual Broomball tournament where almost 100 members enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship.

Our schedule of events gets even better, 45 of our members attended NOAC in August and the new NE3A section is held its first conclave at Camp Woodlands on August 14-15-16 where our lodge was running the Saturday evening show. And last but not least, to cap off our summer activities, we will be hosting our own Lodge Summer Fellowship Weekend and Vigil Honor Induction, August 28-30 at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation.

We are now in the process of updating our lodge records and attempting to contact every member of our council who was ever inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Our records are very limited and we want to correct that, if you are an O.A. member or know someone who was, please let them know we are alive and rebuilding for the future and need everyone's help.

Our Chief, Jim Prowse is in the process of appointing Youth Chairmen, and I am in the process of appointing Advisors and Associate Advisors to every lodge committee. These positions will not be filled by a group of people from one chapter or district, but will be composed of people from throughout the lodge. So, if you are interested in becoming more active in our lodge, no matter what your age or position, please let one of us know and we will do our best to find a place for you either at the lodge or chapter level.

We are also working very hard to complete the requirements for Quality Lodge. This designation is very much like the Quality Unit recognition your Pack, Troop, Post or Crews try to earn every year. The difference with the Order of The Arrow Quality Lodge program is that by achieving this designation, we are eligible to apply for National Service Grants and Camping Awards that will help bring special funding

to our Council for O.A. supported projects. As of July 15, 2009, we have completed 13 of the 15 requirements for Quality Lodge. The two remaining requirements are positive growth, which means we need 44 additional O.A. members to pay their 2009 dues and Brotherhood Conversions.

If you have been an Ordeal member of the O.A. for at least 10 months, please help us attain Quality Lodge by attending one of our 3 service weekends this September and sealing your membership by becoming Brotherhood. I am especially appealing to those long time members who help us by paying their dues every year but are still ordeal members, years and in some cases decades, after they were inducted into our Lodge. We are required to "convert" a minimum of 30% of our ordeal membership to Brotherhood every year, this includes the people who have been Ordeals for 5, 10 or even 20 years! Please help, come out this fall and seal your membership.

Jerry Sullivan Jr.

Lodge Advisor

A Word From the Seneca Chapter Advisor

Brothers,

Let me start by introducing myself, my name is Pat Quinn, and it is my honor to be your new Seneca Chapter Advisor.

I look forward to working with the new Seneca Chapter Chief: Ian Shick, and our two new Vice Chiefs: Andrew Skelton and Anthony DeMarco. I also look forward to continuing to working with Ron MacLoed, who is returning for a second year as the Service Associate Advisor and Elangomat Chairman and Mike Maue who has stepped forward and volunteered to fill the Program Associate Advisor position.

To all those Arrowmen who came out to Scouthaven, and weathered the wind and rain you have my thanks and the thanks of the Scouthaven staff. I'd also like to take this time and thank our Elangomats: Paul Lucas, Mona Lloyd and Adam Lloyd who slept, worked and ate scant food, side by side with our ordeal candidates. I hope our new Ordeal members stay in touch with their Elangomat and stay true to the arrow and seal their bond in Brotherhood at next spring work weekend.

Due to the weather, the Saturday night Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies were carried out in the Dinning Hall. The ceremonial team under the direction of Dan Berger did a great job under difficult circumstances. That night, Lodge HO DE NO SAU NEE inducted 33 new Ordeal members and 11 new Brotherhood members, also 11 Vigil nominees were announced.

In an effort to further the ties of the Seneca chapter to the Seneca Nation, Jeff Gill an esteemed member of the Seneca Nation was invited to view our Saturday night ceremonies. By all reports, Mr. Gill was very impressed. He has a new respect for the Scouts and particularly for the OA. He was greatly impressed with what he saw and the people he met. He had a great time and was amazed with what he saw. We look forward to having Mr. Gill join us at an upcoming Seneca Chapter meeting.

Ian Shick and myself conducted our first Seneca Chapter meeting on the Sunday morning before we left Scouthaven. I am happy to report that 50 members (both new and old) stayed for the meeting and had a chance to purchase their lodge flap, buy

attending the chapter meeting. Our chapter meetings are held at the South Gate Plaza Community Center @ 7:00 PM. Our chapter meetings are held at 7:00 every third Wednesday of the month, with a special guest speaker invited each month. Your Chapter Chief will be informing you of the upcoming schedule of events and speakers scheduled for the upcoming chapter meetings.

Upcoming events:

Fellowship Weekend: August 28th thru 30th
Come out and meet the Vigil Nominees and the rest of Ho De No Sau Nee Lodge 159.

Join us for a NO Work / All FUN - Rock n Roll themed weekend at SSR. Your information is available on the Lodge website: oalodge159.org

Fall Ordeal and Brotherhood Conversion Weekends:

September 18th to 20th @ Camp Stonehaven

September 25th to 27th @ Camps Schoellkopf or Scouthaven

All Ordeal candidates who missed the Spring Ordeal weekend can still become a member of the OA by joining us at any of the fall weekends, but I hope you join us at Camp Scouthaven to meet your new Seneca Chapter Brothers.

For all Ordeal Members who have been in the OA for 11 months or more: it is time to seal your bond in the OA by taking the next step becoming a Brotherhood member.

Dues:

If you haven't paid your 2008 OA dues yet, what are you waiting for. It is only \$10. Remember if you are not paying or OA dues, you are not officially a member and you shouldn't be wearing that OA flap. So save the time and aggravation of taking that flap off of your uniform and send us your dues.

Seneca Chapter Tee Shirts:

The Chapter will be selling tee shirts at the upcoming Fellowship and Fall work weekends:

There will be two varieties of tee shirts available: 1) the Seneca Chapter tee shirts and 2) the Pine Bowl tee shirts

As apart of our service to the Greater Niag-

ara Frontier Council, the Seneca chapter undertook the project of lighting the Pine Bowl at Scouthaven. The sale of the tee shirts is to help defray part of the cost. This Fall, if weather is permitting we will be holding our Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies outdoors, in the newly lit Pine Bowl.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming events this year. Remember this is a youth run organization and I need to hear from you, the youth of this chapter. The adult members and I are only here to help **you**, the youth members, run and direct this chapter and lodge. So, bring your input, bring your ideas and bring your criticism. But most of all come to the meeting and bring a friend.

WWW,

Pat Quinn
Seneca Chapter Advisor

From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Greetings brothers, I'm very excited about this coming Ordeal weekend Sept.18-20. I hope to see a lot of Falling Waters members and members from Seneca and Onondaga as well. Hopefully this one will be even better than the Spring weekend. GREAT NEWS FROM NOAC. The Falling Waters Ceremonies Team received National Honor Team Medals for their performance of

the pre-ordeal ceremony. The Team under the direction of Mr. Brian Mongiello with the help of Mr. Anton Zukic, did an excellent job and I'd like to congratulate my fellow team mates and advisors. Chapter meetings will begin again soon with a new location. Stay tuned for more info. The chapter is also looking for dedicated youth and adults to take office in the chapter. so I hope to see you at the up-

coming meetings. Overall the chapter is really improving in attendance to all events so keep it up.

WWW,
Brandon

A Word From the Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

Greetings Brothers,

As many of you have heard by now I have accepted an appointment as the Falling Waters Chapter Advisor. Let me begin by stating that it is with the greatest appreciation that I thank the past advisor Mr. Anton Zukic for his faithful and committed service in the past. During the transition period a great many of you have extended your congratulations and kind words of encouragement. I cannot begin to express how much these words have meant to me as I accept the challenge of advising our Chapter Chief Brandon Minicucci. I have learned that all of you are an asset to the chapter and our lodge and I look forward to serving with you.

As we move into the fall season with a return to hustle and bustle of full schedules I recommend that each of us find the opportunity to attend one of the various ordeal

and brotherhood weekends. Use this time as an opportunity for fellowship, to learn and to recommit yourself to cheerful service. This being said we are always looking for youth and adults to help out with Chapter Operations on various committees, ceremonial team, and wherever you may feel comfortable.

The best way to have fun is to get involved. We have many "Fun" activities planned for this year, such as the always popular broom ball, Halloween fun day at Scouthaven and the Fall Camporee. Talk with your fellow brothers and come out and give us a try. I am convinced that if we all work together we will meet with success. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future; feel free to discuss with me your thoughts and ideas for the chapter.

If you have any questions about any of the events, or the Chapter in general, please

feel free to contact me at emilitello@roadrunner.com or by phone 716 625 4216. We are the brotherhood of honor campers.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Eric Militello
Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

A Word From the Onondaga Chapter Advisor

My brothers,

The calendar seems to be cranking away at light speed, spring is gone and we are into summer and getting ready for camp. Our service weekends were a great success and so far as a lodge we've welcomed 111 new members into the Lodge. Make sure you check out the list of up coming events in this newsletter and make it a point to join us on one of the dates. Now is the time to encourage those who have just been inducted to come to events and other service weekends. If more of us get involved just a small bit the amount of service we can do and the fun we can have will skyrocket. So

if you see a new member, say welcome and we are glad you have joined us. If you know of someone who was elected but hasn't yet made the choice to come out for the fall service weekends, encourage them to do so. On the chapter level we are currently looking for a new place and time to hold our chapter meetings. We hope to be able to make an announcement by the next newsletter. And speaking of the newsletter you've probably noticed this one came out close on the heels of the last one. We have increased the number that we will put out a year so we can better inform the members of what is happening. I hope you enjoy the change. As always you can contact me if you have any questions or comments or suggestions. I

know we are all looking for new ideas and here is your opportunity. I will see you at camp!

Larry Jones
Onondaga Chapter Advisor

Up and Coming Dates

August 2009

28-30 Fall Fellowship/Vigil Weekend @ SSR

September 2009

14 LEC Meeting @ CSC

18-20 Lodge Service Weekend @ STH

25-27 Lodge Service Weekend @ SCH

October 2009

5 LEC Meeting @ CSC

November 2009

2 LEC Meeting @ CSC

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

A Word From the Vice-Chief of Program

Hello Brothers,

Its an honor to serve Vice Chief of Program after being the Ondondaga Chapter Chief for two years. Our upcoming fellowship is August 28-30 at Camp Schoellkopf. This is a good way to get involved with our lodge and meet new and re connect with old Friends. The Theme for the Weekend is Rock and Roll. Also our new vigil members get inducted and Sunday morning is the Vigil Breakfast. This is one of the

weekends where we all have a good time. The cost is twenty dollars for the weekend. We look forward to the fun and hope to see you there.

Yours in Service,

Michael C. Hynes

2009-2010 Vice Chief of Program

What is an Elangomat?

The word Elangomat is from the Lenne Lenape, Delaware Indian word meaning friend. Elangomats are an essential part in retaining new ordeal members. He will go through the ordeal again, with the new candidates, guiding them to a better understanding of the ordeal and the purpose of the oa. He will keep in contact with his clan, keeping them updated on chapter and

lodge events, with the goal of retaining our new members and getting them to brotherhood. The Seneca chapter has had the program going for a year and we've seen that it can work to better our chapters and lodge. Other chapters now have or will have a program up and running, but it only works if we can get our brothers to step up to become a highly regarded and essential part of

our lodge an ELANGOMAT. Ask your chapter chief about the awards and recognition that are a part of the program.

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Ron MacLeod

Associate advisor / Elangomat chairman

Seneca chapter

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.

WWW,

Sean Jones

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