



Longhouse Messenger

A Word from the Lodge Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

This year has gone by so fast, I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. I can hardly believe it is already January. During this past year we have gone through many changes in our Lodge. We had sent a contingent to Arrowcorps 5 this summer, which was a large service project that would consist of arrowmen spending several days at a national park around the nation providing cheerful service in building trails, helping in the removal of invasive species in the area, and much more. I am sure all of those who went definitely enjoyed their chance to be a part of that great opportunity.

To go along with these changes, our lodge, as well as all of the lodges in our region, were realigned. This means that lodges were being assigned different sections based upon their geographic locations. Our lodge, as well as four other lodges in the section stayed as being in section 3A for the Northeast Region. The other three lodges in our section went south and become part of a section that is located in Pennsylvania. Along with this, five other lodges from another section, NE-3B, joined with us to form the new section NE-3A. Our section is now called Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee-Ga, which translates to be "people of the long-house territory." All of the lodges are excited about this change, and hopefully over the next decade, give-or-take a few years, we will bond in the brotherhood that we all have come to know.

Also, at the current time, we do not have a lodge advisor. Our past lodge advisor, Rev. Jim Delair, had resigned from his position.

Though he will be missed in this position, we hope to see him back as our OA Chaplin. I wish him all the best in his the rest of his scouting career.

At the current time, people are being interviewed for the position of Lodge Advisor. We should have one relatively soon.

Also, the Lodge Banquet will be March 8th, not March 15th like previously mentioned at the Lodge Vigil Breakfast. I apologize for any misunderstandings.

If anyone has questions about the lodge or need information on anything, I can be contacted by phone, 716-897-1493, or by email at sjones159@verizon.net.

WWW,
 Sean Jones



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Special Arrows of Interest

NOAC INFO!!!!
 Happy Holidays!

NOAC 2009 Will Be Theme Driven

The 2009 NOAC is unique in that it will be the first NOAC to be driven by a theme. In late October, the Section Chiefs selected "The Power of One" as the theme for the conference. More than just a slogan, this theme will be worked into every aspect of the NOAC, from shows to training, from communications to the recreation.

Over the upcoming months, the impact of a theme driven conference will become apparent as new features are added to NOAC and traditional activities of NOAC are changed to fit the theme. Expect to see many new activities announced in the next few months that emphasize the theme as we prepare for a NOAC like none before.

The Power of One In Promotions

Several thousand Arrowmen from across the nation will converge on the campus of Indiana University in August and many of them will be there the first time because of an older Arrowman who talked to them about it. One person can have an impact on a young Arrowman, and convincing an Arrowman to go to NOAC for the first time can make a big difference. If you want to see change for the better in the Order of the Arrow, be the change you wish to see – talk to an Arrowman about NOAC today.

Reminders

Over 90 lodges have already made reservations. Once deposits are received lodges will receive their "I'm There" NOAC Promotion Patch for every contingent member.

Do not forget that a \$100 deposit is due by March 1, 2009 for all NOAC participants and staff.

New Health Form Available Now

The National Office of the Boy Scouts of America has developed a new and comprehensive medical form. This form will replace the current BSA Medical forms. In the past, the Medical Staff for the National Order of the Arrow Conference has required that everyone attending the conference have a current BSA Class 3 Medical Form. This form needed to be completed within 12 months prior to attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

As you prepare for the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference you will need to make sure that you use the correct medical form. The new form is available on the NOAC registration website [LINK - https://registration.oa-bsa.org/guides/documents/Medical_34605.pdf]. All other forms will not be accepted at the conference. Please download the form and complete it with your medical provider. Please make sure that the form has all of the appropriate signatures.

Introducing Arrowmen In Action

The National Events Promotion Team is now looking for youth Arrowmen who have made a difference in their community. Anyone can nominate a youth by sending the youth's name, contact, and a brief description of how the Arrowman has demonstrated the power of one in their life. These nominations will be used by the NOAC Communications Committee to showcase the impact youth can have on others. Send any nominations between now and August 1 to nept@oa-bsa.org.

Remember the Power of One

"We write our own destiny....we become what we do." MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

From the Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

Falling Waters,

Your chapter needs some serious help. We are falling behind. Please consider running for an officer position in March 2009. We are in need of a Chapter Chief. Also, think about joining our ceremonial team. Upcoming Order of the Arrow events can be found on the Council's website. Look for the OA. Please contact me if you are interested in the above requests.

Anton Zukic
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From the Vice-Chief of Program

Brothers,

many of you arrowmen at our events!

This is Travis Zukic again, reminding you to sign up for upcoming events. The Winter Fellowship weekend will be held February 20-22nd at Stonehaven. The theme for the weekend will be Yogi Bear's Campout, so don't forget your pic-i-nic baskets! Registration will begin soon, so keep a look out for the flyers.

Our Annual Lodge Banquet will be at Bowmansville Firehall on March 8th. We will be having a fabulous dinner and we will be electing our new lodge officers. For any questions or suggestions that you may have, I can be emailed at Wildeyed-joker525@aol.com. I really hope to see

YIB,
Travis Zukic

From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Hello Brothers,

All is going well in the falling waters chapter. We are currently in the process of getting chapter meetings going and should start holding them once a month in dec. if all goes according to plan. An e-mail blast

will be sent out with information. The Fall Ordeal brought a few new members to our chapter, we also have added two new brothers to the Ceremonies Team. If anyone is interested in joining or has any questions about the team, please feel free to e-mail me. My e-mail address is Brandon_Minicucci@yahoo.com Hope to see

you all at upcoming lodge events.

WWW,

Brandon Minicucci

From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

Hello Brothers:

We are truly proud of what we've accomplished this year in the best lodge of the Nation Ho De No Sau Nee lodge #159!!! Since the beginning of the year we've had the NE-3A Section Conclave at Scout Haven. We had our ordeal weekends in the spring and fall. We had our summer fellowship at Scout Haven with 16 new vigil members. We also attended the Ne 3B Section Conclave in August at Camp Tuscarora where we joined with their section to become the NEW Ne 3A Section. We also had Halloween Fun Days at Scout Haven. The Section NE 3A COC at the Jordan

Community Center. The upcoming lodge events are Winter Fellowship in February at Stone Haven. Lodge Dinner and University are in March. More details to follow. If anyone would like to get more involved or has any questions please e-mail mike-hynes@roadrunner.com or by phone 633-8248. We look forward to seeing you soon. Also an Update for the Section NE- 3A our website will be up and running in November.

Michael C. Hynes

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Ho De No Sau Nee lodge # 159

Onondaga Chapter Chief.

Yours in Service,

From the Seneca Chapter Chief

Brothers,

We have had a productive year so far. For starters, Seneca has been leading the lodge in amount of Arrowmen at events, which makes me very proud. We have also been having very successful Chapter meetings, where the youth come close to or out number the adults! Each Chapter meeting has a unique theme and guest speaker; so, it's not just the boring, but necessary, business meeting.

Just a few reminders. If you have not al-

ready, you should sign up for the 30th National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) to be held August 1 through 6, 2009 at Indiana University.. NOACs generally have over 7,000 Arrowmen in attendance that are seeking many of the aspects you are looking for: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, activities, and ceremonies as well as participate in a large variety of competitions. This six day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting and is unique to just members of the Order of the Arrow. It's a great time and its held only every four years, so you should take the

opportunity while you can. Also, we are having our a Tote Wash to fund raise for NOAC on March 14th, from 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM at McKesson Drug, 700 N America Dr., West Seneca.

Finally, if you are thinking of running for a position in our Lodge, you need to get the paper work filled out ASAP. The nomination forms are on the web site (oalodge159.org).

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jim Prowse

From the Vice-Chief of Service

Dear Brothers

Thank you for all of your support this past fall. The induction weekends went well. I can't thank you enough for the help. The Halloween fun day also went well.

The overall participation was way better and all people involved were thankful. Please keep an eye out for the information for the spring induction weekend. Right now the tentative idea is that Stonehaven will be in May and Scouthaven and Schoellkopf will be in June. Thanks again.

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Your Vice Chief of Service Dan Tornow

Up and Coming Dates

January 2009

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 5 LEC Meeting @ Council Service Center
- 24 Tote Wash to benefit NOAC trip

February 2009

- 2 LEC Meeting @ Council Service Center
- 20 Lodge Winter Fellowship @ Stonehaven

March 2009

- 2 LEC Meeting @ Council Service Center
- 7 University of Scouting @ Niagara Fall High School
- 8 Lodge Banquet @ Bowmansville Fire Hall
- 14 Tote Wash to benefit NOAC trip
- 21 Broomball @ Nichols School Ice Rink

Arrowmen Information Station



OA bowling's big winners this year. Left to right Gary Hyla, most strikes, Ron Macleod high game 197 and Felix Cruz most gutter

balls. It was another great night at Kenmore Lanes with plenty of pizza, pop and bowling fun. We would like to thank Travis Zukic for setting up the event. Keep your calendars open for our next fun events, the Winter Fellowship February 20th through 22nd at Stonehaven and the fantastic Broomball at Nichols Ice Rink on March 21st. You can find the sign up form for the Winter Fellowship online at the council or OA website or in the office. Broomball details will be coming soon so keep an eye on the websites.

We are looking for willing youth members to run for the following offices of the Lodge: Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Vice-Chief for Program, Lodge Vice-Chief for Service, and Chapter Chief for each Chapter. If you are an active, dedicated member of the Lodge in good standing (dues paid), and would like to run for an office, then your nomination is due at the next LEC meeting on Monday, January 5, 2005 at the Boy Scout council office. There is a nomination form to be completed on the OA Lodge website.

From the Onondaga Chapter Advisor

Fellow Onondagans,

Let me be one of the first to wish you and yours a joyful holiday season. With the holidays in mind, that gives us the opportunity to get together for fellowship in a fun atmosphere. It is almost time for unit elections. Remind your troop leadership that elections start in January but it is not too early to schedule a date now. As always I'm here to answer any questions that you may have regarding any of the events, elections or just general information you need about the Lodge. You can contact any of the Lodge officers at info@oalodge159.org or me directly at one of the methods listed below. Speaking of email addresses, we are working on one for the Onondaga Chapter so we can keep you up to date on Lodge events that you may be interested in. If you would like to be included please drop me a line with the address you would like to be contacted at.

In the near future you may also receive a test message as we try email addresses that we have in our Lodge Master database. There will also be OA information in each weekly email newsletter from the council.

"ARE YOU THERE?" That's the big question in 2009. As members of the Order Of The Arrow you will be seeing this question quite often and it's one you should ask yourself now. I suppose you want to know what it is. It's NOAC or the National Order Of The Arrow Conference and it will be held at Indiana University August 1st through the 6th. Our Lodge will be sending a contingent and if you would like to go please drop us a note at the lodge email address so we can get you the information you need. Lodge fund raising opportunities will be available to reduce our costs. You can contact any of the officers and advisors with questions you may have about NOAC. Once again I ask you the question "ARE YOU THERE?" and I do hope you answer "I'M THERE!!".

Please check the calendar for more fun winter events scheduled and I do hope to see you at one during the winter season.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Larry Jones

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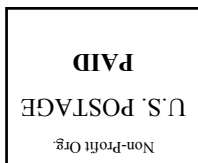
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NOAC **AUGUST 1-6** 2009

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NOAC's held at Indiana University

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