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Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events.
- Don't forget to take a look at the website for any lodge updates.
 oalodge159.com



A Word From The Activities Chairman

Hello Brothers,

The winter fellowship this year was a great success. The theme this year was James Bond. The youth enjoyed activities such as tossing bowler hats, creating their own bug juice flavors, shooting potato guns and more. There was also the traditional trip up to Frankenstein's castle. A James Bond film was shown each night and both were

greatly enjoyed. As always the food was good. Additionally some service was done by the youth on the lean to project. But the most enjoyable part of the fellowship I think was the fellowship itself. Anytime a number of arrowmen get together for the winter fellowship everyone has a great time. If anybody reading this hasn't ever been to a fellowship week-

end or hasn't come to one for a while it is always a fun weekend. The summer fellowship is from August 23rd to the 25th at Camp Schoellkopf. The theme this year is Zombie Apocalypse. Everyone should attend. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun.

Noah Gould
Activities Chairman

A Word From the Falling Waters Advisor

Hello Falling Waters OA Brothers,

Wow what a busy few months we have had. I hope everyone got their unit's election scheduled and are happy with the results. I think the numbers are down a little this year than in the past couple of years, but that happens sometimes. Right now we are looking forward to our spring work weekend, May 3 – 5 at Camp Stonehaven, I hope everyone elected takes full advantage of this very important and special opportunity. For those that do complete their Ordeal on this weekend you have the great chance to help out at one of the other camps by participating in a two-fer. This will give you a chance to take pride in helping another camp and by actually watching another ceremony from a member's perspective. Talking from my own experience, once I actually saw a ceremony after my ordeal it really sank in as to what had happened and what everything really meant.

There are many of you that have participated in your Ordeals and have been active in your Troop for 10 or more months, now is the time to take that extra step and seal your bond in brotherhood by completing your brotherhood ceremony. This is a very important step in your journey in Scouting's Honor Society, this fantastic Order of the Arrow.

The Stonehaven Lean-to's and a Shelter at Camp Stonehaven are moving along nicely. Ganasote Lean-To is completed and being

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2013 Spring Induction and Service Weekends

Registration deadline is one week before weekend chosen.

Cost for Members: \$15.00 for 1 weekend (walk ins \$20.00)

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Two weekends for \$24.00

(Choose Camp Stonehaven and then either Scouthaven or Schoellkopf Scout Reservation)

Brotherhood Conversion will be offered at all three camps. Cost of conversion: \$28.75 (We encourage you to attend the whole weekend, but if your time is restricted, you must arrive in camp NO LATER than 3:00 pm on Saturday)

Camp Stonehaven (Falling Waters)	May 3rd - 5th	Online Registration >
Schoellkopf Scout Reservation (Onondaga)	June 14th - 16th	Online Registration >
Camp Scouthaven (Seneca)	June 14th - 16th	Online Registration >

A Word From The Onondaga Advisor

Brothers,

As I write this I just finished a day long stint with my troop collecting items for the Good Turn for America. As a proud member of the order I was in my sash and had a few OA mentions from the folks who passed by. I just mention this because as members of the order we are out there doing service and at times probably are not recognized by the public. Today I had the opportunity to talk with a gentleman who was a

Lodge Chief in the 70's and one who vividly remembers his ordeal at camp T.Y.E. he couldn't remember his honor but recounted his ordeal weekend. Being there doing service and wearing the sash brought back fond memories to this gentleman, so if at times that you may ask why you are doing this in scouting just think about that person who passes you by, smiles and possibly shares one of those scouting stories with you. Just being there sparked fond memo-

ries in a person and that could mean more than all the hours you put into service and the feeling it gives you is tremendous. And remember whether we are from Falling Waters, Onondaga or Seneca we are members of Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159, if we forget this we will never be as strong as we are when we all are working together as brothers. If you were one of the many members that attended Broomball I hope that you had a great time. It was the largest gathering there that I have seen. Thank you for attending and please look at the calendar section of the newsletter for more dates of interest. Until we meet again on the scouting trail, I remain yours in Brotherhood.

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Larry Jones

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May 2013

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	 May 3-5: FW Induction & Service Weekend at Camp Stonebaven
			1)	2) ON Meeting	3) FW Induction	4) & Service Weekend @	clave at Camp Sam Wood
5) @ STH	6) LEC	7) FW Meeting	8)	9)	10)	11)	 June 12: Program Launch June 14-16: ON Induction Service Weekend at Schoellk Scout Reservation
12) Mother's Day	13)	14)	15) SN Meeting	16)	17)	18)	 June 14-16: SN Induction of Service Weekend at Camp Scouthaven
19)	20)	21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	 LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months
26)	27) Memorial Day	28)	29)	30)	31)Section Conclave	Ends June 2	

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center, LEC - Lodge Executive Committee, FW - Falling Waters Chapter, ON - Onondaga Chapter, SN - Seneca Chapter

A Word From The Falling Waters Advisor (cont.)

rented. Tuscarora Lean-To is over 90% complete and we are looking to have that one rentable in the next couple of weeks. We are moving forward with funds and material for the third and final Lean-To and Shelter. We are asking for everyone's help in the Chapter to come up to camp and try to lend a hand in the next couple of months as we try to complete this monumental project.

Upcoming Lodge events

are as follows; Tote Wash at McKesson Drug April 27, Falling Waters Ordeal weekend May 3 – 5, and Section Conclave May 31 – June 2 at Camp Sam Wood.

Remember, it is never too late to pay your 2013 Lodge dues, but the earlier the better. The cost is still \$10 and if you have missed paying your dues in the past, you only need to pay this year's dues to re-establish your paid membership status.

Our monthly Chapter Meetings are held at Gander Mountain on Youngs Rd in Tonawanda. The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from now until June 11 which will be our last meeting for the summer.

Talk with your fellow brothers and come out to one of our meetings or a fun event and I can promise you, you won't be disappointed. Feel free to discuss with me your thoughts or ideas for the

chapter anytime. If you have any questions about any of the events, open chapter positions or the Chapter in general, please feel free to contact me at em or by phone (716) 625-4216 or our Chapter Chief John Sosnowski at john.1189@live.com

Yours in Brotherhood, Eric Militello (Tuney) Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

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