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A Word From Lodge Chief

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I would like to thank Mr. Jones and Alex Sadd for a great job. Mr. Jones and Alex helped the Lodge very much, with an increase in membership, activities, and dues paid. I have a lot of great memories from my first few years of being in the Lodge and it is all because of these two guys.

As the new Lodge Chief,

I hope to make my time in the Lodge a happy time. I plan to work on making sure that we keep and grow membership by doing some more fun activities and I would like to make sure that communication is used a lot more so we can share events and activities.

I look forward to working with Mr. Militello and

getting to know all my OA Brothers better.

Thank you,
Connor Gilmartin
Lodge Chief

A Word From Lodge Chief Emeritus

Brothers,

My two terms as Lodge Chief are just about over. I would like to start with a thank you for all that *you* have done! Without the participation of each and every member in our Lodge, there would be no Lodge to lead. Next, I would like to thank all of the members on the LEC, especially Connor Gilmartin, and Will Crosby for being my right hand men. Without your help, the program, and service for the members in the Lodge would be non-existent.

Over the past two years, the Lodge has grown a lot, in membership, program, and service. Our membership has increased

from 537 people in 2015 to 620 people at the end of 2016 with the possibility for even more this year! In addition, our program has been consistently improving, with more participation. For example, we have had new exciting events over the past two years, such as the Electronics Lock-in. In addition, our Conclave participation is increasing this year by almost 10 members! Finally, our service to camp and the community has continued to strengthen with new events such as the Good Turn for America Food Drive.

All in all, our lodge has had a great past 2 years, and I am grateful for the opportunity that everyone has given to me. As

we continue our Lodge's 50th anniversary celebration, I would like to wish Connor Gilmartin, and Mr. Eric Militello good luck over the next year! I'm sure that you will be able to further the success of the Lodge, and continue making Ho-De-No-Sau-nee Lodge the best Lodge in the country!

WWW,
Alexander Saad

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 Lodge Adviser

As I prepare to assume the duties as Ho De No Sau Nee Lodge Adviser, I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to applaud and sent out my deepest gratitude to Mr. Jones and Alex Saad for their commitment and hard work these past two years as our Lodge Chief and Adviser. They have worked very hard and have done a great job in the commitment of the 2015 NOAC by

steering us in the right direction in our second century of service. Thank you gentlemen for a job well done.

As the incoming Lodge Adviser, I will promise you I will "do my best" to help our youth leaders develop the skills they need to become the best leaders they can be. I will be working closely with Connor Gilmartin in the

months to come to help him with his vision for the lodge and keep the momentum going that our previous leaders have started.

As most of you know I've been an OA member for a long time and I've held several adviser roles as an adult in a few different lodges, but nothing compares to the honor it is to

serve as your lodge adviser.

I look forward to the opportunity to working with all of you and if you ever need anything please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Eric Militello (Tuney)
Lodge Adviser

A Word From the Past Lodge Adviser

Hello friends,

As of today I end my two year stint as the Lodge Adviser for Ho De No Sau Nee. The years have passed by quickly. When I started after Conclave in 2015 we were in full swing in the Order's 100th anniversary and getting ready for our trip to NOAC 2015 at Michigan State University and what a trip it was. There were well over 12,000 Arrowman and staff packing every area of the University that was open. What a way to get your feet wet as a new Lodge Adviser. Working with our Chief Alex Saad over the past two years has truly been a pleasure. Alex brought new ideas to the

Lodge and has planted those seeds and many more for the next group of our leaders. I know this bodes well for the future of the Lodge. In his two years Alex has spurred a membership growth but more importantly has generated more interest in attending all of our events and have seen those numbers rise. At re-charter time the Lodge was JTE Bronze in 2015 and jumped to Gold in 2016.

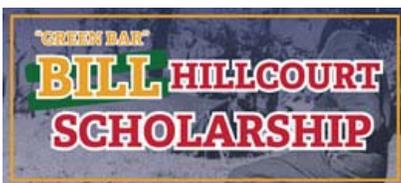
While my two years seemed to pass quickly we were able to pack a lot into that time. 2 Conclaves, NOAC, Arrow-Tour, PRISM at the Summit and NEXT at Indiana University which will host NOAC in

2018. If I am able to attend that, it will be my 4th consecutive NOAC. These past two years have also seen us take many trips up and down the Thruway representing our Lodge at various functions and meetings which is part of the job but unknown by the membership.

As our time quickly comes to an end at tonight's LEC I want to thank our Supreme Chief of the Fire Russell Etzenhouser for the confidence in placing me in this position and to all the Council staff for helping along the way. I want to thank our Chief Alex for all of the good times we have had and his great ideas that have

helped the Lodge along the way. We now turn the Lodge over to our new Chief Connor Gilmartin and Adviser Eric Militello and I wish them all of the success that Alex and I have had. Please support them the way that you have supported Alex and myself for these two years. Connor and Eric will be looking for help along the way with NOAC coming up in 2018 and the Lodge will be hosting the Section Conclave in 2019. If you can help, please let them know. Until we meet on the trail or at camp, thank you very much for your support over the past two years.

WWW,
Larry Jones



The "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Hillcourt Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to youth Arrowmen (16-20) committed to serving the OA and Scouting as members of the OA's staff for a national jamboree.

Congratulations Sebastian Bodkin, Lodge Vice-Chief of Service and Section NE 3A's Operation Arrow Ambassador, on being selected for this scholarship!

Sebastian is one of twenty Arrowman nationally who will receive this award. He will be serving on this years 2017 National Jamboree, Order of the Arrow, Operation Arrow staff.

Congratulations Sebastian!!

June 2017

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1)	24)	3)
4)	5) LEC	6)	7)	8)	9)	10)
11)	12)	13)	14)	15)	16) Induction & Service Weekend (ON & SN)	17) Induction & Service Weekend (ON & SN)
18) Induction & Service Weekend (ON & SN)	19)	20)	21)	22)	23)	24)
25)	26)	27)	28)	29)	30)	

- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months
- Induction & Service Weekend held at SSR (ON) & SCH (SN). Start time is 6 PM on Friday evening. End time is approximately 10 AM on Sunday morning.
- Brotherhood Conversions are held the same weekends as the Chapter Service Weekend. 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.

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 Communications Adviser

PLEASE NOTE: BSA Health forms A & B are now required to attend!

Sections A and B must be completed! This form must be brought with you to basic Scouting activities such as local tours and weekend camping trips less than 72 hours in duration. Click [Here](#) to download Medical Form.

http://www.scouting.org/files/tore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf



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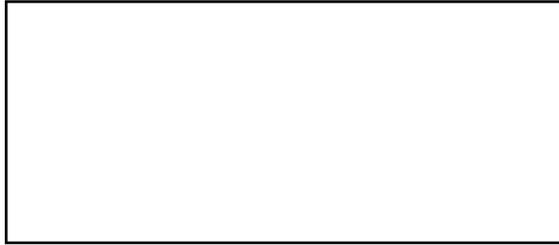
Remember that Tuesdays are OA Day at the Schoellkopf Scout Reservations “Summer Camp Program”. Be ambassadors for your Lodge by wearing your OA sash on Tuesdays at camp.

Discuss with the younger members of your troop what the Order of the Arrow is about.

And end the day with an ice cream social with fellow brothers and sisters after program.

Congratulations go out to the Lodge for winning the Outstanding Lodge Award at the Section NE-3A Conclave. Alex Saad was selected as the





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