



A Word from the Lodge Chief

Hey Brothers,

I must say that the Lodge has been active from Lodge Bowling to the Vigil Breakfast. It is great to see so many new members at the fun events! The OA is meant to serve others while being recreational. The OA is proud to present a "Where To Go Camping Book", courtesy of Gary and Alex Hyla. This informational guide provides assistance to troops desiring to go camping around the entire country.

It is election season and troops are encouraged to have elections. The Lodge wants new members and their enthusiasm at all the events.

Support from active members help is the key to Lodge

strength and growth. Every new member and every active member makes this Lodge stronger and ensures our continuation long into the future. I hope to see you at future events and remember that the OA rocks!

Yours In Brotherhood
Greg Voyzey Jr.
Lodge Chief



From the Lodge Dinner Chairmen

Dear Arrowmen, Friends, and Family,

You are all invited on Sunday, March 11, 2006 at Bowmansville Fire Hall to are 40th Anniversary Lodge Banquet. This night will be spectacular. A big highlight of the night will be the parade of past Lodge Chiefs and Advisors. We are inviting all past Lodge Chiefs and Advisors to the dinner for this special event. If you have any contact with any past Lodge Chiefs or Advisors please contact Steve. Another big part is the election of the Lodge Officers for the coming year. The biggest

highlight of the dinner is the presentation of the Founders Award, so don't miss it.

Those are some of the highlights, but there are many more things to look forward to, such as presentations, table displays, the trading post, slide shows of Lodge 159 in the 21st century. If you have any pictures please contact Steve, and of course there will be lots of good FELLOWSHIP and FOOD. We are also looking for good door prizes, so if you are able to donate something please contact Steve. If you can provide support to our areas of need or need fur-

ther information please contact Steve at Steveverb7@aol.com or look on the Lodge website www.oalodge158.org or at the attached flyer. Hope to see all of you at the Lodge Dinner on March 11, I'm sure a good time will be had by all that attend.

Yours in Brotherhood
Stephen Blass and Brad Hess
Lodge Dinner Chairmen

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Special Arrows of Interest

Silver Lakes changed its Chapter name to the Seneca Chapter

⇒ Check out all the fun events the Lodge has to offer

From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

Hello, I am Sean Jones, the Onondaga Chapter Chief. I hope everyone had a great time during Christmas and New Year break and had fun watching the Super Bowl. Since the last newsletter there was Lodge Bowling. Lodge Bowling took place in December and everyone that attended had fun bowling, eating pizza, drinking pop, and meeting some new people. I hope those who could not make it to bowling are able to attend some of our future events.

Arrowmen, don't just sit there get involved in Lodge activities. Start right now and mark your calendars for the events that will be coming up soon. The Lodge's Winter Conclave is on Feb-

ruary 23-25 at Stonehaven. The theme this year is Spookyhaven, so don't forget to bring your Halloween costumes with you. The Lodge Dinner is going to be at Bowmansville Fire Hall on March 11th. Also the Lodge Broomball event is scheduled for March 24th at Nichols Ice Rink. You can go by yourself or you can bring 5 friends and join your own team. Either way, you will have fun slipping and sliding on the ice.

It is now time for troop elections until April. If your troop is interested in having an election, tell your Scoutmaster, Troop OA Representative or your Senior Patrol Leader to contact me at 897-1493 or by email at sjones159@verizon.net. When you contact me please have a few dates in

mind so that we can arrange as many elections as possible.

At the Lodge Executive Committee meetings, the officers have discussed changing the chapter names to new Indian names. The names used are going to Indian names used by the tribes in the Iroquois Confederacy. You can help make the decision as to what the new name of the Chapter will be by coming to the monthly Chapter Meetings held at Lancaster High school on the second Wednesday of every month. Please make every effort to attend our monthly Chapter Meeting and help plan our activities

WWW,
Sean Jones

From the Polaris Chapter Chief

Dear Polaris Chapter,

Hello I am your Chapter Chief Sean McDermott. First off, If anyone has any ideas about what we should change our Chapter name to you can email me at oapolarisc@yahoo.com. I also need help

running OA troop elections. If you are a youth and think that you might be interested feel free to contact me or our Chapter Advisor. Troop elections are happening now if your troop would like one you could get in touch with me and we could setup a date. Finally, meetings at the

round table have been discontinued. I look forward to seeing everyone at future lodge events which are always fun to attend.

WWW
Sean McDermott

From the Seneca Chapter Chief

Howdy!

I am Adam Lloyd the Chapter Chief of the Seneca Chapter. Our name has been changed from Silver Lakes for those who have not found out yet.

Right now one of our main goals is for all the troops in Seneca Chapter (Erie Shores & Southern Hills districts) with youth ready and willingly to join the OA to have an OA election schedule by no

later than end of April. If you have not scheduled an date yet please contact me either by e-mail adamlloyd840@yahoo.com or by phone (716) 648-3926. Also we hold our monthly Chapter Meeting every third Wednesday in the Southgate Plaza above the business offices at 7 pm. We would like to see many more youth at our Chapter Meetings to help us with our event

planning. of the month. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Hope to see you at some of the events coming like the Winter Conclave, the Lodge Dinner, Lodge Broomball and the Tote Wash planned for March 31 to help Lodge funding.

wWw
Adam Lloyd

Lodge Fund Raising Opportunity

Dear Brothers,

Your Lodge, makes many contributions which help support various Council goals and programs. As many of you already know one of the OA's primary goals is to support our camps, camping programs and most importantly our campers. This is and can be done in many ways such as cheerful service to the camps, supporting the purchase of

camp equipment and through funding camperships. While your Lodge dues provides great benefit in supporting the Lodge it is not always enough to allow us to assist many of our worthy projects.

YOU CAN HELP THE LODGE.

We are planning to hold a Tote Wash on March 31 at McKesson Drugs in West Seneca. It is real simple, we wash plastic containers, they pay us money we spend

the money on great causes. The Tote Wash runs from around 9 am to 3 pm, we serve lunch and you even get breaks. If you can come for even part of the day that's GREAT. Oh why not bring a friend and we can make even more money. Contact Mona or Adam Lloyd with any questions at 648-3926. Please come and help your Lodge help others.

Up and Coming Dates

March 2007

- 5 LEC Meeting
- 11 Lodge Dinner
- 14 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
- 15 Chapter Meeting (POL)
- 21 Chapter Meeting (Seneca)
- 24 OA Broomball

April 2007

- 2 LEC Meeting
- 11 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
- 12 Chapter Meeting (POL)
- 18 Chapter Meeting (Seneca)
- 20-22 Vigil Weekend

May 2007

- 7 LEC Meeting
- 16 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
- 17 Chapter Meeting (POL)
- 23 Chapter Meeting (Seneca)

June 2007

- 1-3 Section Conclave at Camp Merz
- 4 LEC Meeting
- 13 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
- 14 Chapter Meeting (POL)
- 15-17 OA Spring Ordeal Weekend
- 22 Chapter Meeting (Seneca)

Please send your comments, suggests, and unanswered questions to the staff of the Longhouse Messenger at Lodge159LHM@Hotmail.com. You may also send your comments to the Lodge Executive Committee at info@oalodge159.org

Arrowmen Information Station

ATTENTION ALL VIGIL MEMBERS

On April 20-22, 2007 @ Camp Stonehaven Is the

3rd Annual VIGIL WEEKEND

Cost is \$15.00

Nothing but eat, sleep, and relax Please come up after the council dinner or Saturday

Remember to pay your dues for 2007!



Ordeal Members,
WE NEED YOU TO HELP US by making the commitment to convert to BROTHERHOOD at the Ordeal Week-ends or during Summer Camp

Broomball

Sign your team up for broomball 07' today. Only \$75 for a team or \$15 for a person!
This is a night of fun you won't want to miss.

Section Conclave

It is never too early to reserve your spot for the Section Conclave for this June 1st through 3rd at Camp Merz. Let's show up in force and have lots of LODGE SPRIT

From the Seneca Chapter Advisor

The Silver Lakes Chapter now has a new name! We are now officially known as the **Seneca Chapter**. On another note, members of the Seneca Chapter and non-OA members raised \$1,000 for the hungry in Western New York by selling candy bars at the Galleria Mall during the holidays. Organizations have the ability to multiply this amount ten fold providing food for those in need. Hats off to all Mona and Adam Lloyd for organizing this and all those who participated. This shows the

true spirit of the Order of the Arrow! We are also in the middle of our election season! Has your Troop scheduled their OA election yet? If not, talk with your Scoutmaster to get on the schedule. Re-



member OA Troop Reps, it's part of your position description to help coordinate your Troops election! Please give me a call at 848-5290 to schedule yours if you are in either the Erie Shores or Southern Hills Districts!

WwW
Dennis Smigiera

From the Lodge Associate Advisor

Dear Arrowmen,

We are now into a new year of the brotherhood of cheerful service and plenty of fun exciting events are coming up. This would include the Lodge Conclave, the Lodge Dinner, Broomball and the Vigil fun weekend. Service that is also coming up is the University of Scouting, tote washes, good turn food

collection and of course the Spring Ordeal weekends at our council camps.

We would like everyone to please participate in the Lodge events also remember to pay your dues for this year. Support your troop activities which is one of your foremost responsibilities in the Order of the Arrow.

We, as honored campers have to strive to make scouting a positive, safe

and secure opportunity for the boys in the program. Strive to be vigilant so that these aims are met.

Yours in Brotherhood
Jim Yuhnke
Associate Advisor

From Lodge Advisory Chaplain

Greetings Brothers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good spirits given our latest episode of winter weather. I have recently been thinking about how such long weather events with their inconveniences affect our lives in Western New York. We find travel and daily duties more difficult, we begin to feel somewhat down with a lack of sunlight and warmth; we find that we get the traditional cabin fever as we long for spring. This evening as I write again we are set for another arctic blast. However, I am encouraged with knowing, especially after the most recent Lodge Executive Council meeting, that there is within this community a group of brothers who have tested the bow, followed the arrow in its upward path, and continue to seek the true meaning of the arrow. In doing

so each of you has found a path to true happiness and meaning in life, servant leadership. My brothers, I know that each of you has endured a far nobler ordeal than the one posed by the most recent weather; you have succeeded in passing an ordeal of the spirit and soul. Some of you are now eligible to seal your membership in brotherhood; I call upon you to do so. Now is the time for us to renew ourselves and encourage each other in our commitment to brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. Now is the time to fellowship in spirit and joy even in the midst of the challenges of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities. The season of fun and fellowship is upon us. Please consider attending the Winter Conclave, the Annual Lodge Dinner, or Broom-ball and enjoy the warmth of the lodge council fire tended by the chiefs of chapter and lodge, your friends and

brothers. Your presence and spirit will only cause it to burn brighter and warmer. In addition now is also the season for us to draw strength for the spring season when we once again will be called upon to serve our troop, our lodge, and our council in service. I look forward to fellowship with you, labor in service with you, and renew my own commitment to be unselfish in service to others and you my brothers.

Rev. J. DeLair
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Lodge Advisory Chaplain

Best Wishes To Our Advisor

Dear Arrowmen,

As many of you many may know our Lodge Advisor, Roger Lemke has been feeling a little under the weather lately.

Well, great news Roger is back and hopefully on his way to a full recovery.

While we have limped through Roger's absence over the past few months, as a

Lodge we have greatly missed his advise, hard work and most importantly the vast amount of knowledge that he and only he can bring to this Lodge. Roger works tirelessly to benefit this Lodge and provides hours of cheerful service

Roger, your Lodge wishes you a fast, speedy and complete recovery. No one does it better. Thank you for your com-

mitment and direction.

Members of Lodge 159