



A Word from the Lodge Chief

The start of the 2006-2007 scouting year has been very eventful. Since the beginning of September, the OA has spent much time in service for others. Through the ordeal week-ends, to volunteering at cub scout fun days, lodge 159 has showed a positive image with the council. Kudos goes out to the brothers that have been active. Without your dedication, the lodge could not function properly.

AS new lodge chief, I have one goal; make the OA more fun and involved. This year is the first year in eight years we will not receive the Quality Lodge award. Our positive growth and Brotherhood conversion rate was too low. Frankly, this is all right; every good run has to come to an end. WE should be proud of what lodge 159 has done over the last

eight years. My goal is to get the OA back on track. I want the OA to be a positive image on the individual scouter, not a second job. Let's make this organization a more enjoyable, less committing, and very productive. Those three things can be achieved, but it cant be done alone.

Therefore I encourage everyone reading this letter to pass on the new mission of the lodge. There are some very fun events coming up such as Lodge Lodge Bowling and the Winter Conclave. These are events with no work attached. All upcoming events are posted inside this newsletter. Take some time, and look over what there is to do. The lodge has something to spark up everyone's interests.

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From the Vice Chief of Program

Dear Arrowmen,

It is the beginning of the LODGE 159 fellowship and fun season. The first event will be the **LODGE HOLIDAY BOWLING PARTY** on December 15, 2006 at Game Zone Parkside Lanes (500 Schenk St. North Tonawanda 14120). The cost will be \$15.00 before December 14th and \$20.00 after. This event will be a great time with bowling, pizza, pop, and awards.



The next event will be the **WINTER CONCLAVE**. The winter conclave will be on February 23-25 at Camp Stonehaven. The theme this year will be SPOOKYHAVEN. There will be games and jeopardy with a SPOOKY twist to it. Also look out for great fun, fellowship, and food all weekend long. The cost will be \$15.00 before February 19th and \$20.00 after.

There are many other events coming

up. These events are the Vigil Breakfast (for vigils only), Broomball, Lodge Dinner, and the vigil weekend (for vigils only) just to name a few.

I am putting a **CHALLENGE** out to each and every arrowman. The challenge is to become active in the Lodge by coming out to events. We offer a wide variety of events to meet the needs of most arrowmen. If you are all ready active PLEASE promote these events to your troops and bring a Boy Scout friend.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to please register as early as you can for events so we can properly plan the events. If you have to register last minute please beware of late fees, but come because I would love to see everyone there. I hope to see you all at the upcoming events.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Stephen Blass

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Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ Lodge Bowling December 15th
- ⇒ Vigil Breakfast December 30th

From the Lodge Chief

My mission is to make the OA more enjoyable for you. I understand that the OA might be time restricting for some, but the lodge has many events each year. I am encouraging everyone to attend as many events as your schedule allows you to.

The more participation we see, the stronger the Lodge can get. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. Any suggestion you have will be heard, and responded to properly. You can contact me at (716)380-7297 or at

gvoyzey@aol.com

Yours in Brotherhood
Greg Voyzey Jr.

From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

I am Sean Jones, the Onondaga chapter chief. It is getting close to the new year already and that means that OA elections are coming up soon. If your unit is interested in having an election at your meeting you may contact me at 897-1493, or by email at sij1991@aol.com. When you contact me, please have at least two dates in mind so that we can accommodate as many units as possible.

Since the last news letter many events have taken place. Their were the ordeal weekend at all three council camps. I would like to congratulate all of those who have become ordeal members

and also to those who have sealed their bond in the brotherhood. The Lodge Conclave was held in September at Scouthaven and everyone had fun competing in the events. Onondaga tied with Polaris in the tribal soccer game and came close in winning many other events. A tote wash fundraiser took place on November 5. We washed 2,000 totes raising \$1,000 for the lodge. If you didn't attend this one, there will be many more in the future.

An Upcoming event for all lodge members is the Lodge Bowling on December 15 at Parkside Lanes for 7:00-10:00. It costs \$15 to register and if you register after December 14 it is \$20. If

you haven't registered yet I suggest that you do. You will have a great time bowling with your fellow arrowmen and eating pizza and pop.

If anyone has any questions about our chapter, the lodge, or any other OA related questions you can come to the monthly chapter meetings. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at Lancaster High school at 7:00. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

WWW,

Sean Jones

From the Silver Lakes Chapter Chief

Hello fellow arrowmen, this is Adam Lloyd the Silver Lakes Chapter Chief. If you may have missed some of our events such as Ordeal Weekends, Conclave, Tote washes, Chapter or LEC meetings here is your chance. Our Lodge is having bowling night and a Conclave this winter and they are going to be great. Also for those of you who love community service the Silver Lakes Chapter will be

selling candy bars at the Galleria Mall on December 17th from noon the five P.M. and all the processed will go to a local food bank. The Chapter also approved this service for the Leadership and Service Award time. For all of my brothers in the Silver Lakes Chapter you are always welcome to come to our meetings usually the third Wednesday of the month and start at 7:00 P.M. at Southgate Plaza. Also

we are always looking for volunteers to help us out if you are looking to get involved or have any questions at all e-mail me at adamlloyd840@yahoo.com. Hope to see all of you at the upcoming Lodge activates and don't forget your cheerful service.

WWW,
Adam Lloyd

From the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter Chief

Dear Arrowmen,

I hope you all had a good time getting back into school and scouting. Lets fast-forward to more recent events. I hope everyone had a happy Halloween, the Halloween fun days was a great success, although it would have been better if more of TR could have made it. Congratulating to those who just made it into the order and to those who moved ahead

by joining in the brotherhood rank. The best way to move ahead in the order is to get noticed; so those of you new ordeal members should remember that advice.. In upcoming events, the H.A.R.D.C.O.R.E training (November 17-18) is open for experienced lodge members who want to have fun while learning new skills for leadership roles. Also coming up, is lodge bowling Friday

December 15th and the Vigil breakfast which is Saturday December 30th. Other than that, I would like to wish everyone a Good Christmas, New Year, and winters break.

Yours in Brotherhood
Mark Malkiewicz

Arrowmen Information Station

Come to Lodge Bowling and have loads of fun December 15th at Game Zone Parkside Lanes (500 Schenk St. North Tonawanda



14120). The cost will only be \$15.00 for each bowler and \$6 for each non-bowler!

We'll See you there

Up and Coming Dates

December 2006

4 LEC meeting
13 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
14 Chapter Meeting (POL)
15 Lodge Bowling
20 Chapter meeting (SL)
30 Vigil Breakfast

January 2007

8 LEC meeting
10 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
11 Chapter Meeting (POL)
17 Chapter Meeting (SL)

February 2007

5 LEC meeting
14 Chapter Meeting (ON-TR)
15 Chapter Meeting (POL)
21 Chapter Meeting (SL)
23-25 Winter Conclave

March 2007

5 LEC meeting
14 Chapter Meetings (ON-TR)
15 Chapter Meeting (POL)
21 Chapter Meeting (SL)

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

Go to Philmont- Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

Watching the sun rise upon the mountain horizon of Mount Baldy is a memorable experience that one will remember for the rest of their life. The Order of the Arrow wants to provide you with the chance to experience that moment and to explore the backcountry of the Philmont Scout Ranch where Arrowmen from across the country gather each summer to take part in fellowship, fun and service.

All Arrowmen who arrive are separated into crews led by OA Trail Crew Foremen who have been trained in various conservation techniques used to as-

sist in solidifying in the pristine ness that is Philmont.

During the first week, participants will labor with the other participants to provide service to the Ranch with each other by engaging in trail building and to help rebuild some of the area destroyed in past wildfires. After this week, crews design their very own trek that is unique to those involved in the experience.

As a participant, what you say is what you do. Some choose to climb to the heights on Mount Baldy, others choose to enjoy the sights from Mount Phillips and still some choose to explore historic Phil-

mont with its caves, mines and villas.

Maybe what you are looking for is the final descent from the Tooth of Time upon base camp. Whatever your fancy, Philmont has what you are looking for but only through the Order of the Arrow will you be given the opportunity to utilize the synergy of brotherhood that will take you Philmont's ultimate depths.

For more information about the Trail Crew program or any of the other Order of the Arrow sponsored High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or call Dave Lloyd 200-2984. Sign up today!

From the Silver Lakes Chapter Advisor

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Halloween Funs days just concluded and we had 28 Brothers from the Chapter and the Lodge support Cub Scouting. Individuals parked cars, scared Cub Scouts in the haunted house, setup tables, cooked Hot Dogs, ran activities and provided first aid for the event for over 650

cubs Scouts and Adults. Thanks, to all those who supported the event and provided service to the youth in our Communities. Due to the weather we did not have a meeting in October. Our Chapter meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the South Gate Plaza Community Room at 7:00

p.m. Please keep you eyes open for upcoming FUN activities, Bowling, Broomball and the Lodge dinner. Remember OA Elections start in January, be sure to work with your Troop to schedule yours!

WWW
Dennis Smigiera

From the Lodge Associate Advisor

Much has been done this past year showing our commitment to cheerful service. Ordeal weekends, Section conclave, Lodge conclave, NOAC, Lodge camporships, community service projects, and support of council camps summer programs. WE must remember that as arrowmen one of our main obligations is to support our own unit.

In order for our lodge to con-

tinue to do good deeds for the council we, as arrowmen, must pay our yearly dues in a timely fashion. I encourage all Scoutmasters or leaders to help remind their troop OA members to pay their dues. With your help, the lodge can continue to provide services for the greater good of the scouting program.

Ordeal members who have been ordeal for 10 months since their ordeal ceremony are eligible for conversion to

Brotherhood. Brotherhood conversion is extremely important in obtaining the Quality Lodge award. Please convert and encourage all ordeal members in your unit to convert with you. Join the fun but don't forget the service.

Yours in Brotherhood
Jim Yuhnke

From Lodge Advisor

From the Lodge Advisor:

I hope everyone is getting ready for the hopefully mild winter; I look back at this past year 2006 with some disappointment's and some accomplishments. First the disappointments, after 8 years of success, our Lodge 159 will NOT be a QUALITY LODGE.

The first item on the Quality Lodge Partition is to have a positive growth. We only registered (paid dues) for 1028 members; we needed at least 1171 members. There were over 300 members from 2005 that didn't find the time to send in their registration of only \$10.00. Most organizations, their dues are from \$20-35.00 per year. The second item is Brotherhood Conversion that means an Ordeal member seals his bond in the Brotherhood. We only had 79 of the 299 ordeals that paid their dues in 2006 became Brotherhood members. There were 204 Ordeals that didn't even pay their dues for 2006, and could have become Brotherhood members, and for the Brotherhood and Vigil members that didn't pay their 2006 dues. Well you surely didn't help either. Sorry for the blunt but truth but that's why we ARE NOT A QUALITY LODGE in 2006.

Now that I got that off my chest, Congratulation are in order for some of the good things the Lodge did in 2006. We're sorry to lose David Lloyd to the section NE-3A as he was elected their Section Chief. Our loss is their gain. Greg Voyzeyz Jr was elected our new Lodge Chief for 2006-07 at the Lodge Conclave, I know Greg will do a fine job in the coming year.

We had a great year with good to excellent attendance at our Lodge events, like Broom Ball, Lodge Dinner, Spring and Fall work weekends, bowling party, the Vigil breakfast, and the Lodge Conclave, and last but certainly not least the NOAC contingent of 54 members (the largest contingent in Lodge history) Thanks to the efforts of Mona Lloyd and her crew of adults, Ken H., James P, John P, Jerry S, Dirk N, AJ Block, and the other Adults and youth that attended. Lodge 159 came home with many awards and one big award "The Spirit Award" only 18 lodges of the 360+/- Lodges that attended received this award. Congratulation to our Lodge.

2007 will be an interesting and exciting year. We are cutting back on the number of Ordeal weekend dates. Only 2 in the spring and 2 in the fall. The dates and camps will be announced after our

planning meeting in December. We are still having all the other events we had last year, Broom Ball, Lodge Conclave, Bowling, Vigil Breakfast etc...

I would like to congratulate the 3 Founders Award, 153 new Ordeals that became members, the 79 New Brotherhood members and the 17 New Vigil Honor members.

Check the HONOR ROLL of ORDEAL, BRHD, & VIGLS. If your name is NOT on the list of new Ordeals, Brotherhood, or Vigil, Please let Linda Smith @ GNFC (891-4073) or Roger Lemke @ (693-0478) know ASAP so we can correct our records.

Greg and I are looking for a few Youth and Adults to fill some of the vacant slots in our roster of Officers and Advisers. If you feel like helping, give Greg or me a call, or E-mail us with your name, Greg's E-Mail is Gvoyzeyjr@aol.com and mine is rogeroa@adelphia.net

Roger Lemke

Lodge Advisor

From Lodge Advisory Chaplain

Greetings in Wimachtendienk,

Having just returned from along and toilsome journey to the Section Officer Seminar with your section Chief, his vice-chief and the conclave coordinator for Conclave 2008. I wish to share the following thoughts developed during that journey with you. During the conclave presentations by the team for the 2007 Conclave they presented the theme for the weekend: "There can be only one", related to the Highlander series and movies. The theme proved to cause me to reflect, is there a message deeper than the one winner, the sole surviving highlander? My thoughts turned to the larger scope of life and the questioned can there really be only one? Not one individual but one way to true happiness in life?

Perhaps there is? Personally I am convinced, that way is best exemplified by the three principles, the ideals of our order: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. The legend and principles of our ceremonies and traditions lead us to the understanding and the beginning of that one way, a life of servant leadership. I encourage each of you to consider during the remaining portion of this year and in preparation to attend conclave to consider how you have been living the principles of our fellowship as you seek the meaning of the arrow. How have you demonstrated these ideals through your duty to God, duty to others, duty to self and service to troop, lodge and council? I encourage you to attend Conclave 2007, which will prove valuable as an opportunity to fellowship, and live in brotherhood

and service with others who have embraced the search for the arrow in its ever-upward journey. I know that my travels have proven to be physically exhausting, but spiritually and emotionally recharging as all events are. I look forward to seeing you and all my brothers at the remaining events for this year especially conclave 2007.

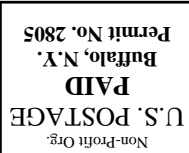
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