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A Word From The Lodge Chief

Brothers,

It's that time of the year again! The sun is out and we're all on summer vacation but our work is far from over. We have a very busy summer and need as much help as we can get, as per usual. So with out further delay, lets get it going.

A couple weekends ago we finished our Spring Ordeal Weekends and they were very successful. We inducted over 100 new members and converted a few dozen Ordeal members to Brotherhood. These weekends gave us once again the opportunity to service our camps and make them camper ready. We got a lot accomplished and made the rangers and camp staff happy.

Also at the Spring Ordeal Weekends the new Vigil candidates were announced. This year we have selected 8 candidates who have faithfully served our Lodge and went above and beyond the call of duty. The Vigil Candidates for the 2010 year are:

- Seth Kline - Falling Waters
- Paul Lucas - Seneca
- Eric Militello - Falling Waters
- Michael Myers - Seneca
- Phil Pyrak - Onondaga
- Gary Roncone - Onondaga
- Andrew Skelton - Seneca
- Jacob West - Seneca
- The newly selected candi-

dates will be making their Vigils at our Summer Fellowship in August; this event is open to all members. This year our theme will be Hawaiian and be held at Scouthaven. You can sign up on the Lodge website (www.oalodge159.org). The weekend will be full of activities, good food, and fellowship. Fun is to be had by all and it's a great chance for newly inducted Ordeals to meet more of their Brothers. I encourage all to register and join us for an amazing weekend!

As you may know the Lodge no longer provides a Brotherhood conversion opportunity at summer camp. This, however, does not mean the OA will not be at camp. Our OA Camp Chiefs will be available and at camp every week. They will be providing campers with information on all things OA. They will also offer a campfire/ice cream social to all campers interested in partaking in fellowship and seeing things our Lodge does throughout the year. Please, wear your sash on OA day and support the Lodge.

As you all know, the OA takes part in multiple service projects to support our Council. Recently, there was a handful of Arrowmen who provided their services once again. On May 27th these Arrowmen went to the Council Service Center and spent their evening doing odd

jobs around the office. Mr. Coviello, Scout Executive, was very appreciative of the hard work done. I would like to personally thank those who cheerfully served and spent an evening working. So, nice work gentlemen and keep it up!

As you may know the Lodge sends out emails to our membership to inform them of important events and requests throughout the year. This system is very convenient and effective, but we do not have everyone's email address. If you haven't been receiving these blasts please send a request to jamie.prowse@buffalo.com. You can be included in our frequent informational emails. Another thing the Lodge has done is to create a Twitter account that will do much the same as the emails do. If you use Twitter please consider following the Lodge (OALodge159) so you can stay up to date on all the Lodge's events.

Thank you for your time and reading my article. I hope to see you at our upcoming events and as usual feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Have a great summer!

Yours in Wiamachtendienk,
Jim Prowse
Lodge Chief
jim.prowse@buffalo.com

Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events

A Word From The Lodge Advisor



Brothers

July has begun and that means we have completed our spring activities and the year is over half gone. It is a time to reflect on our achievements and set our goals for the remainder of 2010. As of June 30, we have inducted 102 new members and had 36 people seal their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood. Our membership members for this year are ahead of last year and with a little luck and some hard work, we may actually reach positive growth before our fall induction weekends.

This spring we had over 260 members attend one or

more of our induction weekends and provide service to our camps. Speaking of service, as of June 30th, the membership of the lodge has provided over 4,000 hours of service to the council, our camps and the community. These opportunities included, the Webelo Readyman Training, Good Turn for America, the OA Service Corps which operated during the 100th Anniversary Camporall, working at Stonehaven along with setting up SSR and Scouthaven for summer camp.

Now that summer is here, we have the section conclave on the schedule and the lodge summer fellowship at Scouthaven on August 27-28 & 29.

Mark your calendars and come out and have some fun with your brother arrowmen. Remember the O.A. is not all work, it's Fun too.

Don't forget the fall induction & service weekends are coming up in September & October. Please plan on attending.

In other words, the lodge is doing well and it is all because of our youth officers and you the members of Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. Keep up the good work

Jerry Sullivan II
Lodge Advisor

A Word About Elangomats

Hello,

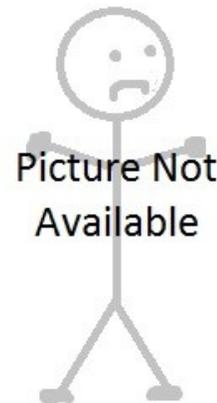
My name is James Dolan and I have recently volunteered to be the new Elangomat Youth Chairman for Seneca Chapter. I am very excited about this position and I hope that I can make a difference in my chapter through my job. During the recent Spring service weekend, I enjoyed serving as an elangomat. I have seen firsthand some real promise in the new ordeals and have a feeling that they will not let us down.

To keep the new ordeal members involved in the Order, I will contact all of the candidates that were in my clan

and let them know about the times and dates of our activities. I am also planning on explaining more about the Order to them and answering any questions that they may have. I also plan on having them get together again to form teams for lodge bowling and broom ball. Most of all I want them to come back together a year from now to seal their Brotherhood as a group.

Over the course of the next year, I hope to reunite the members of my clan and get them involved in chapter meetings and other activities within the lodge. We might find some fresh members for our

ceremonial team and committees. Perhaps we might even find some aspiring young individuals who will hold a future office within the lodge! Whatever happens, I know it will happen for the better!



September 2010

Schedule of Events

- August 13-15 : Section Conclave @ Camp Russell
- August 27-29 : Lodge Summer Fellowship @ SCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)	7)
8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	13) Section Conclave	14)
15)	16)	17)	18)	19)	20)	21)
22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27) Lodge Summer Fellowship	28)
29)	30)	31)				

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center,
LEC - Lodge Executive Committee

A Word From The Communications Chairman

If you are at all interested, please feel free to contact me, Sean Jones, by email at sjones159@verizon.net. The Longhouse Messenger is not just for the Lodge Officers to write an article, it is for anyone. I, as well as everyone else in the Lodge, would be interested in what you have to say. So, if you would like to send in an article to be published in our newsletter, send it to my email address above. There is a lot of room in the newsletter, as you can see, for your words of wisdom, news about some-

thing going on in lodge, or just anything that you would like to let every lodge member know.
WWW,
Sean Jones
Communications Chairperson



A Word From The Seneca Chapter Chief



Dear Brothers;

I would like to thank everyone that came out to Scouthaven for the Seneca work weekend. I would also like to thank our four elangomats and wish for them to continue their duty to their clan and to the lodge. Congratulations to all the new brotherhood members and the new ordeal members. I wish to see all of you new ordeal members next year converting to brotherhood.

During the summer when you are at summer camp don't forget your sash and bring your OA spirit on OA day.

Remember in August the lodge has the Summer Fellowship don't forget to sign up for it. The lodge fellowship will be at Scouthaven in August it will also be the vigil induction weekend for any of the new vigil candidates.

One more reminder and that is to push and get any

eligible brotherhood eligible ordeal members to come out on one of the weekends in the fall.

www,
Terry Ulrich

A Word From The Onondaga Chapter Chief

Brothers,

My name is Matt Wrobel. I served as the Lodge Training Chairman during the previous year and was recently elected the Onondaga Chapter Chief. Working with you all will be a privilege. The Onondaga Chapter held their Spring Service/Induction Weekend from June 18-20 and it was very successful. I would like to thank all of those who came out to become part of our circle, those that proved their

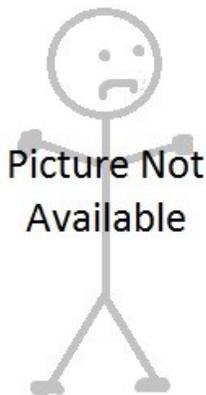
loyalty to the brotherhood by converting, and those who helped the weekend go as well as it did. As the new Chapter Chief, I am looking for help in leadership from fellow youth. If anyone was interested, please contact me. Our chapter meetings, which will start up again in September will be the first Thursday of every month at St. Peter and Paul's Church in Depew. The meetings will begin at 7:00 and will go to 8:30pm at the latest. Also, we

are looking for help on our ceremonies team, as many of the members will be aging out soon. Those meetings will be held the first Sunday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

wrobel.matthew@gmail.com

Please contact me if you are interested in any involvement within the chapter.

WWW,
Matt Wrobel
Onondaga Chapter Chief



A Word From The Nominations Chairperson

Dear Brothers,

I would like to make some congratulations. This year's candidates for vigil are Seth Kline, Paul Lucas, Phil Pyrak, Brian Militello, Mike Myers, Gary Roncone, Andrew Skel-

ton, and Jake West. Congratulations. I look forward to seeing all of you at the summer fellowship so that you can complete your path to vigil.

Your Nominations Chairman,
Dan Tornow

Did You Know...

That the lodge has inducted over 52% of our 2010 Ordeal candidates so far this year and that percentage is higher than our total for all of 2009.

That the lodge has 25 dues paying Ordeal members who were inducted between 1970 and 1999 who have still not sealed their membership by converting to brotherhood.

That the Youth members of the Lodge changed the By-laws last year to eliminate the requirement to pay back dues if a member wanted to become active in the lodge again.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO NOW TO REACTIVATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS

PAY THIS YEARS DUES which is \$10.

That you can pay your dues and the registration fees for most of the lodge run activities on line through the council website.

That the lodge does camp promotion presentations year round and if your unit is interested in having the OA visit and talk about camping and where to go camping, all you need to do is contact any lodge officer or advisor for assistance.

That the lodge has an updated version of the Where To Go Camping Book on our website.

A Word From The Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Greetings Brothers,

By the time that this newsletter hits the stands, we as a chapter will have completed our service weekend at Camp Stonehaven. We helped with many tasks at the camp including the following...painted Cabin 1, replaced the kitchen floor in Leaders lodge, switched the wood-burning stoves in Safari and Leaders Lodge, stacked wood, cleaned the barn, cleared brush on some of the roads in camp, installed a culvert, and a new gate into camp and many other small things too many to name. Each little job helped make the camp look even better than it had previously looked. The weather held out and we inducted 15 new Ordeal, and 6 Brotherhood members on the lakefront flats. I'd like to thank Ben Rossiter and his impressive ceremonies team for their great efforts. They were superb as usual conducting the ceremonies for the new

and brotherhood members.

Our annual summer fellowship, which is always a great time, will be held at Southaven on the weekend of August 27th through the 29th. This year the theme is Hawaiian style. If you have any suggestions, we welcome them. The section conclave is August 13-15 at Camp Russell in Woodgate NY. The early bird registration has past but it is not too late to sign up to attend. Please see our website for more details. Also, Falling Waters is the OA representatives for week 1 at Schoellkopf. If your troop is attending the first week of summer camp make sure you bring your OA sash and help represent the OA on Sunday and Thursday. All this Information can be found on the G.N.F.C website on the Order of the Arrow page.

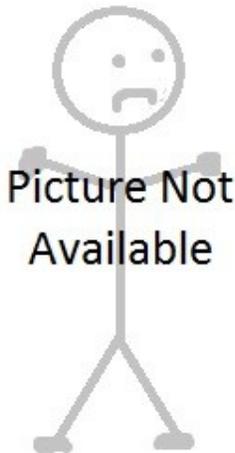
The opportunities in the Order of the Arrow are endless but you have to get involved and stay involved. With this

being said, we are currently looking for an adult and a youth to run a Chapter Trading Post during Chapter meetings and functions. Our goal this year is to have the Trading Post more accessible at other functions besides the work and Fellowship weekends. We are also in the need for an adult advisor for service (oversee work weekends and assist with Tote Washes etc.) We are always looking for help on Chapter operations on various committees like the Ceremonial team or wherever you feel comfortable. If you have any questions about positions or anything else don't hesitate to e-mail me at cswags@verizon.net or call me at 773-80586. We are the brotherhood of honor scouts and look forward to seeing you at some of our events.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris Swagler

Falling Waters Chapter Chief



A Word From The Falling Waters Advisor

Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the 2010 Camperall. I know I had a lot of fun. The OA Service Corps put in many hours and still had time to enjoy the festivities.

By the time of this printing we will have completed our service weekend at camp Stonehaven. We completed many needed tasks at camp to include painting Cabin 1, replacing the kitchen floor in Leaders Lodge, Switching wood burning stoves in Safari and Leaders Lodge, stacking wood, cleaning the barn, clearing brush on some of the roads in camp, installing a culvert, and a new gate into camp. I am probably missing a few things, but you get the idea. We also inducted 15 new Ordeal, and 6 Brotherhood members. A "Great Job" goes out to Ben Rossiter and his ceremonial team for their efforts. They did a fantastic job as usual conducting the ceremonies for the new and brotherhood members.

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I cannot express it enough that what you get out of the Order is more than what you put into it. The opportunities are endless, but you must get involved. This being said we are currently looking for a youth and adult to run a Chapter Trading Post during Chapter meetings and functions. We also need a new adult advisor for service. We are always looking for help with Chapter Operations on various committees, ceremonial team, and wherever you may feel comfortable. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to help out some other way please don't hesitate to contact me. The best way to

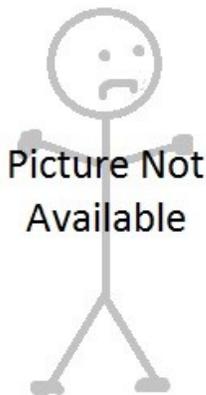
have fun is to get involved.

Talk with your fellow brothers and come out and give us a try. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future; feel free to discuss with me your thoughts and ideas for the chapter. If you have any questions about any of the events, or the Chapter in general, please feel free to contact me at emilitello@roadrunner.com or by phone 716 625 4216. We are the brotherhood of honor campers.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Militello

Falling Waters Chapter Advisor



A Word From The Training Advisor

Hello,

We would like to thank everyone that attended the LLD training in May and the Election Training in January! We had a very successful training year because of everyone in the Lodge! Thank you for your help to make both events

successful! Thank you Matt Wrobel for all your work as Training Chair for Training and Congratulations for your move to Onondaga Chapter Chief!

Attention Youth members - We are in need of a Youth Training Chairman.

Anyone interested please let Roberta Wojcinski or Jimmy Prowse know as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Roberta Wojcinski

A Word From The Seneca Chapter Advisor



Brothers,

Summertime is upon us and it is time to look back at our accomplishments to far in 2010.

Terry Ulrich has been elected as the Seneca Chapter Chief, replacing Ian Shick, who is taking over the Lodge Secretary Position.

Terry did a great job at our recent Ordeal/ Work weekend, at Camp Scouthaven. Terry is recruiting for Youth Seneca Chapter leadership positions. So, if you are interested in helping him run the chapter please contact him or come to the monthly chapter meetings. Our next chapter meeting is being held at the Southgate Plaza Community Room, on August 18th, at 7:00 PM.

On this last Father's day weekend, the Seneca Chapter welcomed in 34 new Ordeal members and seal bond with 14 new Brotherhood Members.

As always the Ceremonial Team members and associates and Team Advisor (Dan Berger) did a great job. For those brothers who weren't at Camp Scouthaven, at the stroke of 8:00 PM just as the Brotherhood Ceremony was starting at

the Pine Bowl, the skies opened up with torrential rain and lightning. Like a well oiled machine, or should I say watered machine, members grabbed our irreplaceable regalia, dismantled the ceremonial alter, and organized car pools to move everything from the Pine Bowl to Lakeside Lodge. In less time than it takes to say Dale Shick's Vigil name, ask Dale to pronounced for your if you don't believe me, Lakeside Lodge was transformed into our Ceremonial Ring.

4 of our Seneca Lodge Brothers were recognized for having received the Vigil Honor Nomination: Jake West, Andrew Skelton, Mike Meyers and Paul Lucas.

So, if you see any other these brothers be sure and congratulate them and make sure they are wearing their LARGE RED VIGIL HONOR around their necks. Remind them that they have to wear this honor anytime they are at or traveling to or from a scouting event.

Speaking of Scouting Events:

Summer Fellowship at Camp Scouthaven, on August 27th-29th. Come on out and meet your brothers from the other

chapters and greet our news Vigil Members on Sunday Morning.

Fall Ordeal/ Work weekend at Camp Scouthaven, on September 24th-26th. I encourage all Ordeal members who are Brotherhood eligible to seal their OA bond with us. If you sign up early, you save yourself the agony of receiving my relentless phone calls asking for you to convert.

For all our members who are heading off to or returning to college this Fall, thanks for all your help these last few years. Remember to live the spirit of OA as you are embarking out into the big world. Just think what a better world this would be if everyone lived up to the ideals of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

WWW,
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A Word About Ceremonies

The lodge's three Ceremonial teams are alive and well after a busy spring induction season. All three chapters conducted a successful Ordeal Induction and Brotherhood conversion, additionally the 2010 Vigil candidates were announced.

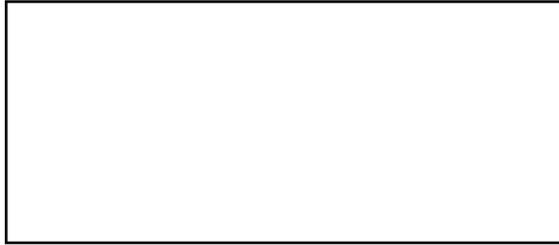
All the teams are looking for a few good Arrowmen to join them in delivering the

words of our order to the new candidates of the future. If you have been moved by a ceremony that you attended or think that this would be a good way to provide service to Scouting please contact your chapter or lodge chief and they will put you in contact with your chapter team. It is hard but rewarding and fun work.

"Brothers, some have been

found who are willing to spend themselves in serving others. Yet they have not felt the fire, they have not heard the Admonition, they have not seen the Arrow. They must be willing to go upon a journey, and it is only right for us to stand by them through their ordeals until they enter into the bond of Brotherhood." - METEUI: Pre Ordeal





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