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## *A Word From The Lodge Advisor*

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Brothers,

The year is coming to an end and thanks to you it has been a good year for the lodge. Our inductions are up, our brotherhood conversions numbers for the year are higher than in the past and we have achieved Quality Lodge for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Now for the news of the future. The section has been realigned again and we have been asked to host the 2014 section conclave. The conclaves have been moved back to June and will be held the first weekend after Memorial Day. We will be starting to take reservations for the 2012 conclave at Camp Back Hovey in January and the deadline to reserve a spot without paying a penalty will be close of business on

April 10<sup>th</sup>.

NOAC is also in 2012 and we will be attending. The lodge has reserved 26 delegate positions but is looking for more people to attend. Openings are being filled on a first come, first served basis so don't delay. If you are interested in attending or want more info, check the lodge website or talk to any lodge officer or advisor.

The Lean-to project at Camp Stonehaven is moving along, fundraising is progressing nicely but could always use help. If you want to donate, you can do so through the council office or the lodge website. Any individual, group of individuals, Scout Unit or business who donates \$100 or more will have their name on one of the dedication plaques. Donations

of any size are most welcome as are donations of materials or services. Again check out the lodge website for more information.

Last and not least, with the end of 2011 approaching and the lodge achieving quality lodge, we will begin accepting 2012 dues as of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consider paying early and encouraging others to do the same. We are required to achieve positive growth each year and if everyone pays their dues early, it takes a lot of pressure off the lodge officers and the membership committee.

Have a good holiday and stay safe

Yours in the Brotherhood,  
Jerry

### Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- Youth interested in running for a lodge leadership position should submit a nominations form to the LEC at their meeting in February
- Happy Holidays!

## *A Word From The Advisor of Onondaga*

Brothers,

It is already December, where has the year gone? As I look out the window in my office I have already seen snow and it's not winter yet. It seems like yesterday that we were setting up Schoellkopf for summer camp, travelling to West Virginia for Summit Corp, inducting new Vigil Honor members at our summer fellowship and tidying up the camps at our fall

weekends. And we now look ahead at bowling, Christmas and New Year's holidays, the vigil reunion breakfast and with January our unit elections start and we cycle through another jam packed year for the order. Keep an eye on our newsletter, website and the council's website for information on upcoming activities. There will be many possibilities for you to be active in your lodge, please join us as often as you can. If you

are interested in any of the events or activities or if you just want info about becoming more active you may contact me or any of the other Lodge advisors and officers. From my family to yours please have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year's holiday season. See you along the scouting trail.

Larry Jones

## *A Word From The Associate Advisor of Service For Falling Waters*

My fellow Arrowman,

The Falling Waters Chapter is working hard to raise the needed funds for new lean to's and a shelter at Camp Stonehaven. We have a long way to go to reaching our fundraising goal but you can help!

First, please spread the word! The more awareness we raise about the project, the better. We need everyone's support on this so please talk it up. Also, please be sure to check out updates and info at the chapter Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/207947165903453/>

And at the lodge web site: <http://www.oalodge159.org/index.html>

Second, support our fundraising efforts by showing up and letting others now about them. We can not make this happen on our own. We need the membership of the lodge to support this project.

AND finally, buy a patch or T-shirt! For just \$5.00 you can purchase a Camp Stonehaven patch that was designed just for this project. You can also purchase a T-shirt with the same design as the patch on the front of the shirt for just \$12.00. Please contact me if you are interested: [bkindron@gmail.com](mailto:bkindron@gmail.com).

I thank you in advance for your support of this project. The benefits of this will last

most of us a life time and leave behind a legacy of service and brotherhood for future generations. You are our single greatest resource for achieving success.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brian Kindron  
Associate Advisor of Service,  
Falling Waters Chapter

## *A Word From The Advisor of Falling Waters*

Hello Fellow Falling Waters OA Members,

I hope everyone had a great time at Legacy 11. If you didn't go you missed out on a great opportunity to help your community. The Falling Waters Chapter was well represented at Devaux Woods and the Niagara Gorge series of trails. Trail remediation was the main focus and the Parks Authority and the Mayor of Niagara Falls are very pleased with all of the work that was accomplished. **Great Job Everyone!**

I want to extend a big Thank You to all of our new members that came out to our Service weekends this fall and completed their Ordeal and especially for those members that made the commitment and converted to Brother-

hood. This not only helps you in your commitment to the Lodge but it helps the Lodge as well.

Registration for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is open and with a down payment of \$100 you can reserve your spot on the bus. It's going to be held at the University of Michigan and runs from July 30 (Monday) to Aug 4 (Saturday) 2012. So sign up early to reserve your spot. You **Don't** want to miss it.

The Lean-To project at Stonehaven is in full swing and we are currently soliciting donations from all of our members who are willing and able to help. Our Lodge Website as well as the Council's OA page has information on the project with artist's renderings of the Lean-To's and Shelter plus a link to contribute online

(<http://www.oalodge159.org>). We are asking for everyone's help in the Chapter as well as the Lodge in this endeavor. We would like to begin as soon as possible so anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping or would like further information please contact Chris Swagler or myself.

Upcoming Lodge events are as follows; Tote Wash on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Lodge Bowling on December 9<sup>th</sup>, at Thruway Lanes on Walden Ave. in Cheektowaga.

Our next monthly Chapter Meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at Gander Mountain on Youngs Rd in Tonawanda. Start time is 7:00 PM.

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 our Chapter Chief Chris Swagler at [cssmusicfan@verizon.net](mailto:cssmusicfan@verizon.net)

Or send me an email at [emilitello@roadrunner.com](mailto:emilitello@roadrunner.com) or by phone (716) 625-4216.

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

# December 2011

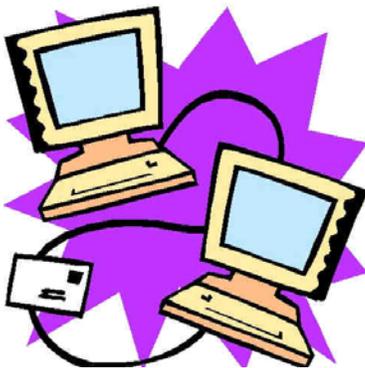
## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1) ON Meeting	2)	3)
4)	5) LEC @ CSC	6)	7)	8)	9) Lodge Bowling	10) Tote Wash
11)	12)	13) FW Meeting	14)	15)	16)	17)
18)	19)	20)	21) SN Meeting	22)	23)	24)
25)	26)	27)	28)	29)	30)	31) Vigil Breakfast

- Jan 1: Unit Elections begin
- Jan 5: ON Chapter Meeting
- Jan 9: LEC Meeting @ CSC
- Jan 10: FW Chapter Meeting
- Jan 18: SN Chapter Meeting
- Feb 2: ON Chapter Meeting
- Feb 6: LEC Meeting @ CSC
- Feb 14: FW Chapter Meeting
- Feb 15: SN Chapter Meeting
- Feb 17-19: Winter Fellowship @ STH
- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months

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 Communications Chairman



Fellow arrowmen,

For those who do not know, I am Sean Jones, the communications chairman for the lodge. As the communications chairman, I am responsible for putting out this fine publication for the lodge. However, this newsletter is only great if people write articles for it. As you can see, there are a few articles here, but there could always be more. The average newsletter has at least two more pages full of articles, so you should be considering what you would like to write

for the next newsletter.

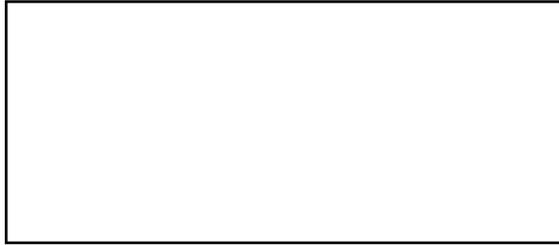
I can understand if you feel that writing an article is a very difficult task, but you can write one in just a few minutes if you have an idea on what you want to talk about. Sure, you can sit around for a few hours trying to come up with something that people would want to read, but you can write about almost anything. As long as your article is informative, it's fine with me.

Usually, I only receive articles from some of the lodge officers. Everyone in

the lodge is encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter.

If you have any articles that you would like to submit or if you have any questions for me, you may go ahead and send them to me at [sij5183@gmail.com](mailto:sij5183@gmail.com).

Yours in brotherhood,  
Sean Jones  
Communications Chairman



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