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A Word From The Lodge Chief

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Brothers,

Hello everyone, I hope that you all have been having a great summer. Within the last month we sent forty-two members from our lodge to NOAC. While at NOAC, sixteen of the youth participated in an ultimate Frisbee tournament. The group lost the first game and was disqualified, but the spirit and smiles shared by the group showed that they had a great time playing. Also two youth, David Krull and Steve Pasek participated in a sandcastle-building contest and

won with their creation of the sphinx.

This year we have a number of new members on the LEC. The LEC roster is almost full, but there are still a few open positions. If anyone would like a position, or knows of anyone that would, please contact me.

I look forward to the upcoming year for the lodge, and I look forward to working with all of you.

WWW,
James Dolan



A Word From the Onondaga Advisor

Brothers,

I have been thinking of this line from the Legend in the Ordeal Ceremony "Thus the seasons in succession never ending seemed to pass on." I have been the Chapter Advisor since 2005 and in this time I have had the privilege to know a lot of outstanding youth. I bring this up because as a lodge we are going to lose a number of them to adult hood. Many of them I remember as young 13 year olds just getting their first taste of lodge leadership and who moved on to become a group of strong leaders that has helped the Lodge be where it is today. Jimmy Prowse, Skippy

Briggs and my son Sean have led our Lodge with help from some fine associates like Dan Tornow and Ian Shick and so many more that we just don't have room to mention. Amongst the youth leaders that were around when I was just getting started "in the dim ages" are two fine gentlemen that are now part of our professional staff, Steve Blass and Greg Voyzey. It's hard to believe that so many seasons passed on by, and so too that I am becoming an "old man". We as a Lodge are going through a change with many new and younger faces, I thank you for your service to us

and challenge others to step into these roles to make our Lodge better as we move on through the years. And to the adults, take that step to help our youth as a new crop of advisors, we can always use the help. I would be remiss not mentioning another youth who will be moving on this year. He is not moving into adult hood but will be leaving us for bigger & better things. If you've spent any of the last four years at summer camp at Schoellkopf you will know him by his nickname Smiles. I know him as Peter Raichel, Eagle Scout. Peter has served the Lodge and his troop in various positions through the years and

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 The Onondaga Chapter-Chief

Brothers,
Summer is almost over and school is almost here. This was a very eventful summer with NOAC and the OA days at summer camp and the upcoming summer

fellowship at Scouthaven. In September there will be our service weekend at Camp Schoellkopf on the 28th – 30th. Please join us for service to our camp and to welcome new members to our Order. If you have been an Ordeal member

for 10 months or more please come out and convert to Brotherhood, it is the next step in the journey you started at your Ordeal. Lastly the Lean-to project at Stonehaven is almost ready to start up and I hope to see many of you

helping out with that great project. Until I see you at our next event.

WWW,
Dave

A Word From The Lodge Advisor

Brothers
Summer is almost over and our fall activities are upon us so it's time to not only look back at what we have accomplished in the last few months as a lodge but to keep looking ahead at opportunities ahead.

The spring induction weekends went well and our summer activities were even better. NOAC was a blast, a total of 44 of our brothers attended this year's event at Michigan State University either as a member or on staff. To top the week, we had a visit from our new Scout Executive Russell Etzenhouser and Council President Mike Meyers who flew down just to visit our contingent as we promoted our camps with a new full color brochure and handed out Cheerios cereal bars which were donated to us by General Mills.

NOAC was followed by the Summer Fellowship, over 75

of our members took part in this fun event which concluded with the induction of 7 new Vigil members in our lodge.

Congratulations to all. And a big thank you to lodge activities Chairman Noah Gould and his Advisor Mike Simkins who along with Vice Chief Travis Militello and his Advisor Scott Swagler, provided us with a fun and memorable weekend for all.

That was our summer but fall is coming and so is the new scouting year, so it's time to start planning your calendar, the first of our Fall induction weekends is less than 3 weeks away. Please register soon and help us get our camps ready for winter. We are especially in need of Ordeal members who are Brotherhood eligible to come out and seal their membership in the order by converting to brotherhood. It's a quick and easy process and will help us complete our

Journey To Excellence which is the new replacement for Quality Lodge.

The big news is that the Lean-To project at Stonehaven has started. The building permits have been filed and a schedule laid out for the initial construction. It is hoped that the concrete foundation and floor for the first lean-to will be poured before the Stonehaven induction weekend so people can see what is going on and help with the project. As this initial phase starts, we are continuing to raise funds to keep the project moving in an effort to get the shelter up and in place this fall if possible. If you or anyone you know would like to help, please consider donating time, materials or financially to this worthy cause.

Please check our lodge web site for more info and pictures on what progress is being made.

Last but not least, please continue to support our lodge and its youth officers. This is your organization and anything you do for it will help every scout in our council in some way. Whether it means paying your dues, converting to brotherhood, attending a service weekend or day event, holding an OA election or Camp Promotion in your unit or at an event that you may be running. It all helps in some way. Think back about the reason you joined scouting or why you are still in scouts. Lets take those reasons and use them to make our units, our council and our lodge bigger, better and stronger to better serve all of the youth in the area.

I hope to see you at our next event

Stay Safe

Jerry

A Word From The Communications Advisor

Brothers,
With the coming of the new Scout year, we on the Communications Committee will be introducing new ways to communicate in our Lodge. The LEC will be using the

computer programs *Dropbox* for in-house communications. We also have a Facebook page: OA Lodge 159. We can use this for general passing information about events. We also have a special page

exclusively for the LEC. If you are a member of the LEC, please send me your email address so I can get an invitation to you. We have a lot of other things that we picked up at this years NOAC

that we will be bringing forward in the next few months. At our October LEC meeting we will be assigning Lodge specific email addresses for all of our youth officers. The addresses will be posted on the Lodge website on

September 2012

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1)
2)	3) Labor Day	4)	5)	6) ON Meeting	7)	8)
9)	10)	11) FW Meeting	12)	13)	14) SSR and	15) Ordeal →
16) →	17)	18)	19) SN Meeting	20)	21)	22)
23) / (30)	24)	25)	26)	27)	28)	29)

- July 31-August 4: NOAC
- 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 Onondaga Advisor (cont.)

is a member of the Onondaga Chapter Ceremony team and has always been there when service is needed. As I mentioned he is leaving us but will be serving us in a different way as he has enlisted in the

Army.. He will be leaving in September and if you see him before he leaves please thank him for all he has done and of course all that he will be doing for our nation in the future. Well before this "old man"

signs off I hope to see you at the Summer Fellowship and our fall service weekends. The dates are in this newsletter and of course on our website, www.oalodge159.com or you can contact me for more

information at anytime at larryj1300@gmail.com. See you at camp!

WWW,
 Larry Jones

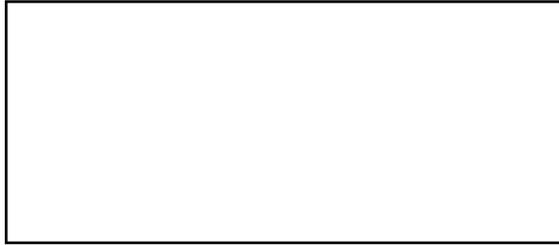
A Word From The Communications Advisor (cont.)

the Lodge Officer's page. We encourage any member of our Lodge to submit an article that may be of interest to your Lodge Brothers & Sisters. I would like to congratulate Mike Christie, who will be

assuming the position of Communications Chairman. Our present Chairman is Sean Jones and he will be transitioning from youth to adult status in the next few months. He will be guiding

Mike in his new position so that we have a smooth transition & the quality of the newsletters remain high. I would personally like to thank Sean for the great job he has done in this position for the

past 3 years. Best of luck to you in your Scouting future. WWW
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