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A Word From the Lodge Chief

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Brothers,

It is almost time for lodge elections, and I think that it would be a good time to see where we, as a lodge, are in comparison to last year. First of all, we have a much more active lodge than we had last year. For example, we had 42 people registered for Winter Fellowship this year. Last year, we only had 30. That's a 40% increase! For Lodge Bowling, we had 68 people registered. Last year, we only had 49. That also is almost a 40% increase! All of this is happening with the number of people registered in our Lodge going down. Even though the

overall membership in our Lodge has dropped, participation is increasing. Participation is what matters to me. This means Arrowmen are happy with our activities. When Arrowmen are happy, the numbers will take care of themselves.

We have Broomball coming up, and this has always been the biggest event in our Lodge. I hope to continue this, and break records. My goal is to have 120 people attend Broomball this year.

In addition, we had a new event: The Lodge Lock-in. While we didn't have as many people attend as we had

hoped, those that participated had a great time and are looking forward to the next event. Next year, we're going to change when we have this event so that less people are on vacation, and more people can attend.

I would like to thank you all for a phenomenal year thus far. It is because of you that we can have the increase in numbers that we have been having. I hope to see you all at some of the upcoming events!

WWW,
Alexander Saad
Lodge Chief
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A Word From Lodge Adviser

Friends,

It's hard to believe that as I write this March is just beginning. And with that let me update you on a few items about the Lodge. When we submitted our charter we as a Lodge was Bronze Level for the JTE and for 2015 we had 6 units qualify for the Unit Of Excellence. Congratulations to Troops 457, 483, 416, 583, 578 and 138. We submitted the forms to National and when the awards come in I will give

each Troop a call and come out and present them at a Unit function. For 2016 there are new requirements so look for a new checklist so you can track your unit's progress towards Unit of Excellence this coming year.

As we get the year rolling there are many events that are in close proximity to each other early on so you will be able to choose what you want to participate in. While it would be great to see you at all

events we know that this is difficult to balance troop, OA and personal needs, so keep your eyes on the calendar and if you can squeeze us in that would be wonderful. Please see the calendar in the newsletter for a listing and you can also check the calendar on our website at www.oalodge159.org.

As I wrap up my notes for this newsletter I want to let you know that we will be releasing a new set of commemorative

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.org

A Word From the Vice Chair of Program

When many people think of Boys Scouts, they think of boys sleeping outside in tents in any type of weather. They think of boys who know how to tie every knot and lashing in existence and could build a fire by just rubbing two sticks together. While scouts do learn these things, they do not define us. These ideas just scratch the surface of scouting. A major part of scouting is leadership. In Cub Scouts, young boys see adults lead the Cub Pack and see Boy Scouts helping out at events. When a scout leaves the Cub Scout Pack to join the Boy Scout Troop he sees something change. The adults are no longer the leaders, but instead other youth are. Meetings are run by a Senior Patrol Leader and his Assistants. Adults are just there to advise and

help the youth. As this new Scout advances in rank, he becomes more exposed to this leadership until, upon receiving his First Class rank, is asked to take a position of leadership himself. To prepare scouts to take leadership positions, many trainings are set up. These trainings teach youth about how to become a better leader.

One very important idea in leadership for scouts is what type of leader one wants to be. There are many different types of leadership, but some in scouting believe the best type of leader is a servant leader. This is the act of being a servant first, leader second. A servant leader puts those who he leads first. A servant leader helps others before himself. He wants others follow him not because he

makes them but instead because they want to. Jesus Christ can be considered an example of a servant leader. When leading the apostles, He did not treat them as if they were below Him, but instead performed actions such as washing their feet, the job of a servant, as told in John 13:1-17. Even at His birth Jesus was like a servant, born in a manger not a palace. Jesus did not and does not deny anyone. In John 4, Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman who has had five husbands. Instead of rejecting her because she has broken one of the Ten Commandments, Jesus forgives her. Just like a servant leader, Jesus wants to give the woman another chance. Jesus was a servant leader because He showed how to do the work before telling someone else to do it. He

demonstrated to His disciples how to lead after He was gone. And Jesus created the greatest act of servant leadership when He died on the cross to save everyone who has or ever will exist.

In Scouts, we learn that the best type of leadership is servant leadership. Jesus is a great example of the servant leadership qualities that we learn about and show in Boy Scouts. And if young men, and even young women, are learning how to lead in the same way that Jesus Christ did, then I believe that even on the darkest day there is light, even on the coldest night there is hope.

WWW.
Will Crosby
Activities Chair
Vice Chief of Program

A Word From the Lodge Adviser (cont. from page 1)

Lodge Flaps showcasing pre Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee art work that was submitted to the members of the Lodges at the merger in 1967. We have 4 designs that were drawn by Robert Martin as possibilities for the first Lodge Flap but another one of his

designs was selected. So we are using his designs with a slight modification this year as a lead in to the Lodge's 50th anniversary in 2017. There will be a limited number of each of the flaps and they will be rolled out one at a time at selected events. If all goes

well, the first one will be available at the Lodge dinner. We will let you know when each one is going to be released. So until we see each other along the trail, please stay safe and warm this winter.

WWW
Larry Jones

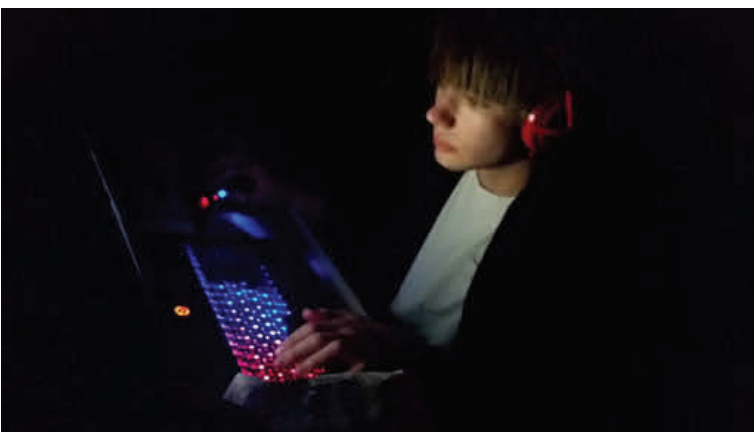
Unit of Excellence Award



Lodge Chief Alex Saad and Lodge Advisor Larry Jones present the 2015 Unit of Excellence Award to Troop 457 on February 10th at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Williamsville. Units can find information on earning the Unit of Excellence award here: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/unitexcellenceaward-2013.pdf>

Lodge Lock-IN / Electronics Extravaganza

The first annual Lodge Lock-In / Electronics Extravaganza occurred in February. It was highlighted with all-night gaming, projection screens, glowing keyboards, and a feast of snacks including fresh, warm, chocolate chip cookies! Gamers arrived early, set-up, and were gaming in short order. Before midnight, the divider wall was up, lights were out, and it was an all-



night long gaming extravaganza! Most gamers made it till morning, with just a couple that gave-in to well needed sleep.

Lodge Chief Alex Saad says plans are already in the works for next year's event, with a possible change in date to make it more friendly to Lodge members calendars.

Don't forget the *LODGE DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING* this Sunday, March 6th. Festivities start at 5 pm with election of officers at 5:15. Dinner will start around 6 PM.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING: March 5th at Erie Community College-South. 4041 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY 14127. 7:30 to 8:15 Registration, 8:25 Opening & Classes start at 9am. The Lodge will have a table on the mid-way. So wear your sash and stop over and find out what is happening in the Lodge.



Lodge Broomball



Date: March 19, 2016

Time: 7pm

Location: Nichols School Ice Rink

1250 Amherst St. Buffalo, NY

Early Bird Special: \$15/Player by March 11, 2016

Team of Six \$ 75

Non Players \$7

Late Fee/Walk-ins \$20/player or Team Fee/\$100

All Must have helmets

Brooms (non metal handle)

No Pads

Only Goalies can use push brooms

Pizza and Soda provided

You must have [dues paid to play](#)

[Registration Form](#) >

[Online Registration](#) >

March 2016

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1)	2)	3)	4)	5) University of Scouting
6) Lodge Dinner & Annual Meeting	7) LEC	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)
13)	14)	15)	16) Seneca Chapter Meeting	17)	18)	19) Lodge Broomball
20)	21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)
27)	28)	29)	30)	31)		

- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months
- March 5: University of Scouting, Erie Community College, South Campus 8am—5pm
- March 6: OA Lodge 159 Dinner & Annual Meeting, Bowmansville Fire Hall, Bowmansville, NY 5pm-8pm
- March 19: Lodge Broomball, Nichols School Ice Rink, 1250 Amberst St. Buffalo, NY 7pm-10pm

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

Request a unit election

Do you know it is Unit Election time?? Each year from January 1st to April 30th all of the Boy Scout units can request an election of all eligible youth 1st class and above for induction into the Order of the Arrow. You can request an election by checking with your chapter chiefs or any of the officers and advisers, contacting the lodge (either with the [elections email](#) or [lodge email](#)) or by picking up a form at the office.

Our election team would be happy to do a Summer Camp promotion along with the troop election.

1. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who holds the First Class rank or higher, is under the age of 21, and is registered as an active member of the troop or team may, with the approval of his unit leader, be nominated for election. Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee’s Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications.
2. The youth must have experienced 15 nights of Boy Scout camping while registered with a troop or team within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement. The balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

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