



## A Word from the Lodge Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

First off, I would like to congratulate the 27 members who converted to brotherhood at Camp Schoellkopf this summer. Over the past couple years that I have been in the lodge, I have noticed that the participation at lodge events has been the same few members. I encourage all new members to make an effort to come out and see what the OA is really about. Our next major event is the Lodge Conclave and the Vigil weekend on September 21-23. I guarantee everyone who comes will have an awesome time participating in this action filled weekend.

The Ordeal weekend is scheduled for the

first weekend in October is at Camp Schoellkopf. This Ordeal weekend is an awesome opportunity for those eligible to convert to brotherhood. These conversions are a big part of becoming quality lodge and each person who converts brings us one step closer for our lodge to receive this recognition. If any arrowman would like to contact me I can be reached by e-mail at sjones159@verizon.net or (716)897-1493 to answer any OA questions you might have.

WWW  
 Sean Jones

## From the Vice Chief of Program

**INTERCEPETED CODED MESSAGE-**  
 Greeting in Wichtendink,

Get ready for the Lodge Conclave September 21-23! Call up all your fellow chapter members and make arrangements to get to Camp Schoellkopf! But don't forget to sign up by September 17<sup>th</sup> in all your excitement. This year's theme is 007 so dust off your old spy gear and get ready for chapter competition. This is a great way to honor the vigil candidates who are being inducted. Stay tuned for other events being planned in the

future like Bowling, winter conclave, and it is never too early to start broomball practices. If you want to get involved a great way would be to bring some friends to a fun weekend and see what the OA is really about!

In Brotherhood,  
 Vinny E. Roncone

**JAMES BOND**



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### Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ Lodge Conclave 007 **Licensed to Serve (September 21-23)**
- ⇒ Ordeal Weekend (October 5-7)
- ⇒ Vigil Breakfast (September 23)
- ⇒ Convert to Brotherhood!!!

## From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

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Hello Brothers:

I have been amazed at our participation for the Section Conclave 2007 at Camp Merz and the Ordeal Weekend @ SSR. Even though there was work involved, everyone still got to spend time with their lodge and chapter Brothers. We proved our traditional Ho De No Sau Nee sprit and had activities full of fun

and excitement. Be sure to register for our Lodge Conclave September 21-23 @ SSR. By September 17<sup>th</sup> for \$ 15 and \$20.00 after the 17<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget the Ordeal Week @ Scouthaven in October. Weekend to be announced. If anyone ever wants to help in the chapter please contact me by e-mail: [mikehynes@roadrunner.com](mailto:mikehynes@roadrunner.com) or by

phone 633-8248. I look forward to see you all at our next event!

WWW,  
Michael C. Hynes

## From the Seneca Chapter Chief

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Dear Brothers:

Over the summer you may have forgotten your lodge and have drifted away from the brotherhood of cheerful service. No problem! Now is the time to get back involved with one of our many events. You may think that you have way too many things going on to attend an event such as a Conclave or a Ordeal weekend. But, why not come out and

give it a try you may just have a good time and also make new friends. Hope to see you out there. Some other things going on for you lucky brothers in the Seneca Chapter are our Chapter Meetings at the South Gate Plaza they will be held on 8/15, 9/19, and 10/17. If you are looking to get involved or just want to know what future events are coming up just attend these meetings and you will be caught up

in no time at all. So everyone out there get out, volunteer and get involved in your Lodge. If you have any questions that you may have you can either call me at (716) 648-3926 or send me an e-mail at [adamlloyd840@yahoo.com](mailto:adamlloyd840@yahoo.com).

Seneca Chief  
Adam Lloyd

## From the Polaris Chapter Chief

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Greetings Brothers,

I would like to start off in saying how excited I am for the upcoming year. I remember my first time reading the newsletter and seeing information on all these different activities. I know how overwhelming it can seem to someone just trying to get involved but, you should not be discouraged! The OA has

brothers from all over the place. You can start by asking fellow members of your troop how they stay involved. I am sure your OA Troop Representative would give you tons of information. It can be hard to make it out to events when you barely know anyone, (so come out with your troop members!) After the first couple of events, it is hard to stay away from

all the OA has to offer! I hope to see you all at upcoming events and I encourage everyone to make new friends and try to get new members more involved in the OA.

WWW  
Travis Zukic

## From the Onondaga Chapter Advisor

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Fellow Brothers,

Wow has the summer flown by. As I write this the Fair is just starting and when you get this it will probably be over, the unofficial end of summer. I hope everyone had a great summer camp wherever you spent it. If you were at SSR around the third week and after, you saw what the friends of the OA purchased for the waterfront, a 20 foot water trampoline with all the accessories. Thanks to Mona Lloyd for spearheading the effort. I personally didn't get to use it but from the action I saw it was a big hit and something to look forward to in the future. As we head into a new scouting year make your plans to come out for the Lodge Conclave September 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> at SSR, what a way to close out summer.

From what I hear we can expect a famous international spy to make an appearance. It will be a fun filled weekend of games and fellowship you won't want to miss. Check out the flyer enclosed or get it online at [www.oalodge159.org](http://www.oalodge159.org) . Next up will be the Fall Ordeal and work weekend - your last chance to convert to brotherhood for the year. If you are an ordeal member for at least 10 months please come out and convert. This is just a part of our requirements to be a quality lodge, come out and help the lodge and all the boys who keep things running. Keep your eyes open for dates and locations at our website or the GNFC website. On a happy and sad note during the brotherhood ceremony at SSR during week 2 we bid Onondaga ceremony team member Alex

Hyla a farewell as he will be leaving for the University of Michigan. I am sure we will see him when he is home visiting and get him into a ceremony or two if he happens to be home. This leads me to ask that any youth who may want to get involved in the ceremony team you can contact ceremony advisor Gerry Robert at [scouterger@aol.com](mailto:scouterger@aol.com) . Well I've rambled long enough, but I do hope to see many of you Onondagans and brothers at our upcoming events. If you have any questions feel free to contact Onondaga Chapter Chief Mike Hynes or me at [lar-rj1300@verizon.net](mailto:lar-rj1300@verizon.net) or at home at 897-1493

WWW,  
Larry Jones

# Up and Coming Dates

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## September 2007

10 LEC meeting  
12 Chapter Meeting (ON-POL)  
19 Chapter Meeting (SEN)  
21-23 Lodge Conclave @ SSR

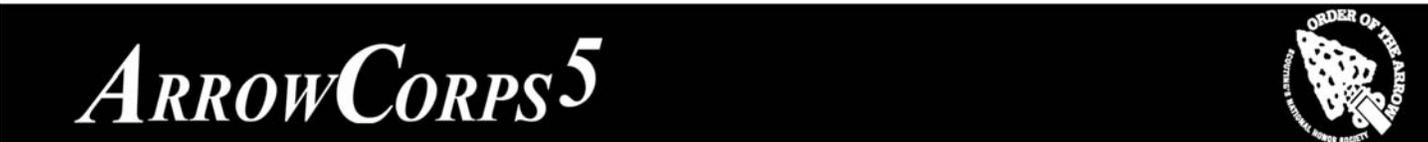
## October 2007

1 LEC Meeting  
5-7 Ordeal Weekend  
10 Chapter Meeting (ON-POL)  
17 Chapter Meeting (SEN)

## November 2007

5 LEC Meeting  
14 Chapter Meeting (ON-POL)  
21 Chapter Meeting (SEN)

Please send your comments, suggests, and unanswered questions to the staff of the Longhouse Messenger at [Lodge159LHM@Hotmail.com](mailto:Lodge159LHM@Hotmail.com). You may also send your comments to the Lodge Executive Committee at [info@oalodge159.org](mailto:info@oalodge159.org)



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## Bridger Teton National Forest

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One thousand Arrowmen will descend upon Jackson, Wyoming for one week, beginning July 26, 2008, as the Order of the Arrow undertakes its largest service opportunity in Scouting history: *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup>.

*ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> is a once in a lifetime program. The event is the largest volunteer service effort ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America. A Scout's duty to country calls us all to help preserve the beauty of treasures like national forests.

Though there are five sites available for attendance, our council has chosen to send a contingent to Bridger-Teton National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service has set aside some of the highest priority

projects in the most beautiful landscapes in America.

Located in western Wyoming adjacent to the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, the Bridger-Teton is one of the largest forests in the United States covering 3.4 million acres. Participants will construct mountain bike and hiking trails, remove fencing to allow unrestricted movement of wildlife, and help control fire through a fuels reduction project where the forest and urban areas meet.

The project will provide a much larger area and open range for wildlife, such as elk, moose, antelope, mule deer, bear, and wolf. The open range is especially

important for these animals during the winter months when food is scarce. In addition, the larger available area will improve breeding, birthing, grazing, and it will reduce the transmission of disease. Clearly, this meaningful project will benefit many native flora and fauna for years to come.

Join our council contingent as we rededicate ourselves to the tenants of the Order: cheerful service. For more information, please contact our Contingent Coordinator: David Lloyd at [drloyd@buffalo.edu](mailto:drloyd@buffalo.edu) or call at 716-200-2984.

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## From the Lodge Staff Advisor

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Brothers (and Sisters) !

Welcome to a new year of Scouting and of cheerful service! We are looking forward to new directions and old traditions as we welcome our new Lodge Advisor, Jim Delair, Lodge Chief Sean Jones, and we recognize the years of selfless service of retiring Past Lodge Advisor Roger Lemke. As Jim and Sean launch their new administration, Roger will continue to serve as he helps with piles of lodge paperwork!

Watch the September LEC for new directions in lodge goals, how we do business, and how we grow the lodge

into a national OA Quality Lodge that retains current members, welcomes new members, and strives to make an impact in service and youth leadership development.

One quick word about camp promotions. Do you promote camp, or merely report back on camp? How will we get more of our brother Scouts and their leaders to attend our own camp: Schoellkopf Scout Reservation ? How do we do camp promotions that convince troops to stop camping at other council camps and come home to Schoellkopf?

Do you realize that 17 troops went to

Camp Merz in summer 2006? Many others went to other council camps as well. Do you realize how much support to somebody else's camp that represents? Will you be an ambassador for Schoellkopf, or will you quietly accept that they are going elsewhere?

Camp promotions is just one small way that we can make a difference as OA members. I look forward to serving cheerfully with you this year!

WwW  
Thomas Johnston

## From The Seneca Chapter Advisors

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We're starting a new season with plenty of fun activities. September, the Lodge Conclave and Vigil Honor Induction. October, The Fall Induction Weekend, Fall Camporee and Halloween Fun Days. With all these activities it proves that we have more fun activities than work activities. The best way to have fun is to get involved! Talk with your fellow lodge

members and attend one of these activities. Our Chapter meetings started August 15<sup>th</sup> and are the third Wednesday of the month at the South Gate Plaza Community Room at 7:00 p.m. We're looking for youth and adults to help us with Chapter Operations. Our next Chapter meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup> where our guest speaker will be talking about the Fall

Camporee and the Camp Master Program. Come learn about the activities get a heads up on what's happening and what the Camp Master Program will bring to Weekend Camping, hope to see you there!

WwW

Dennis Smigiera & James Pankow

## From The Lodge Advisor

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Greetings in brotherhood,

As many of you have heard by now at the request of the Supreme Chief of the Fire, I have accepted an appointment as advisor to the lodge. Let me begin by stating that it is with the greatest appreciation that I thank the past advisor Roger Lemke for his faithful and committed service in the past. As well as extend my deepest thanks to him in his willingness to continue to serve in the capacity of Associate Advisor for Administration. I know that this will ensure the continued growth and success of the lodge. During the transition period a great many of you have extended your congratulations and words of willingness to serve. I cannot begin to express how much these words have meant to me as I accept the challenge of advising the chief and the lodge. I view each of you as an asset to the lodge and look forward to serving with you. During discussion with the Key 3 of the lodge and developing a plan of action for the remainder of the year the following tasks have come to light as being of concern:

1. Quality Lodge Attainment-The largest factor still under concern is the appropriate percentage of brotherhood conversion. The target for this year is the conversion of 120 ordeal members to reach the percentage; as of this date we have attained only one-half of that number who have converted. I wish to remind each of you that when you completed your ordeal you began a journey to brotherhood during the next ten to twelve months, as you became more understanding of the principals of our order. Brotherhood conversion is a primary indicator as to the health of the lodge and allows us to compete for funding to support our council camping programs. No conversions, no quality, no source of funding. I call upon each of you to strongly consider attending the fall service weekend if only to seal your membership in brotherhood.

2. Annual Recharter-once again the season is upon us to review the membership of the lodge as we prepare to recharter with national. If at all possible please send in your dues at the earliest possible

convenience, your timeliness in this matter allows the lodge to continue its good standing and work.

3. Lodge Strategic Plan-as an outcome of the recent National Lodge Conservation and Leadership meeting each lodge is required to develop a new five year plan that is aligned with the national Order of the Arrow and local council strategic plans and submit the same to both the council executive and the national office in what will be less than sixty days. A major undertaking for the chief and LEC.

I am convinced that if we all work to accomplish the areas above that we will meet with success. My encouragement to the membership is lets go for it, make it happen, and lets celebrate. We are the brotherhood of honor campers!

J. DeLair  
Pichpemetonhet  
Lodge Advisor

## From Lodge Advisory Chaplain

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Greetings in Wimachtendienk,

As another season of summer camp draws to a close I would like to take the opportunity to comment on the wonderful ceremonial work done at camp. It is impressive to see so many arrowmen committed to making an opportunity for others to answer the call to higher service. My thoughts for this newsletter focus on that theme of servanthood and service. If we merely rely on our own physical and mental powers it is perhaps difficult to live a life of service. I suggest that a true

servant attitude is best developed by close study of the principles of our order and the teachings of our faith. As we grow in our knowledge of these teachings and principles, we begin to realize that there is a higher power upon which each of us must rely in order to follow the arrow. As we move into the fall season with a return to a much busier and full schedule I recommend that each of you find the opportunity to attend one of the various ordeal and brotherhood weekends. Use this as an opportunity to fellowship, learn and recommit your self to cheerful service,

and attend your house of faith regularly to grow in the ability to find the source of service. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future, feel free to discuss with me the various faith based awards that will draw you deeper in your understanding of the source of strength for service.

Witahemui,  
Rev. Jim DeLair  
Lodge Advisory Chaplain  
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