



A Word from the Lodge Chief

Brothers,

I would like to personally invite each and every one of you to attend our Lodge's upcoming events. In the month of March Arrowmen will have numerous opportunities to get together, share fellowship, do some community service, and just plain have some fun!

Starting off, we have the rapidly approaching 2006 Lodge Banquet on March 12th. The Lodge Banquet is a great chance to bring yourself up-to-date on all the Lodge's actions over the past year. You can have a meal with old friends and at the same time make new ones. This year Arrowmen are encouraged to bring their family and friends.

Later in March, our Lodge will be hosting the ever popular Broomball (March 24th). For those of you who have not yet played Broomball, it is truly a unique experience. It is kind of like Hockey only not. In hockey you have a hockey stick; in Broomball you craft your own stick out of a broom and duct-tape. In hockey you use a puck; in

Broomball you use an oversized rubber ball about 6" in diameter. In hockey you wear ice skates; in Broomball you wear shoes on the ice. This means you end-up slipping and sliding every which way as you try to maneuver your way across the ice. It is lots of fun! Broomball is not an event to miss even if you do not want to participate we always have room for spectators.

Following Broomball on March 25, the Order of the Arrow will be working alongside Council and local Troops with the Good Turn for America Program. We will be going to Tops Markets on 800 Harlem Road, West Seneca to collect Food, Health and Beauty items for local food pantries. All Arrowmen can use this community service time to earn the Leadership in Service Award, and can get a Good Turn for America Scouting Patch. For more information on the Leadership in Service Award visit <http://www.main.oa-bsa.org/misc/anr/lis/>.

As an exciting side note I would like to announce the unfurling of a new technology

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Lodge Dinner 2006 Fellowship and Fun

Dear Arrowmen, Family, and Friends,

On March 12, 2006 is the must attend event of the year, **THE LODGE BANQUET**. This year all **family** and **friends** of Arrowmen are welcome to attend so you can see what the Order of the Arrow is all about and what your Arrowmen do when they are at camp, having fun with the Lodge.

The dinner will be at the Twin District Fire Hall, on William Street in Lancaster. The cost is \$12.00 per person before February 27, 2006, \$20.00 after. The doors open at 4:45 and Dinner will be served at 5:30.



Some things to look forward to at the dinner are Chapter and Committee displays where you can find out what they did and what they are going to do and how to get involved. There are also Lodge Officer Elections, The State of the Lodge Address, many Awards and recognition including the Founders Award, and most importantly good Friends, fellowship, and food.

On behalf of the Lodge Executive Committee and the Dinner Committee we hope to see you all their.

Chairmen: Stephen Blass and Brad Hess
Advisor: Gerry Roberts

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Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ **Lodge Conclave — February 24-26**
- ⇒ **Lodge Banquet March 12th**
- ⇒ **Broomball March 24th**
- ⇒ **Good Turn For America—Lodge Service March 25th**

From the Lodge Chief

effort taking place within Lodge 159. One of Lodge Goals for 2006 was to increase our Communication capabilities through the use of the Internet. We are in the process of developing a new Lodge Website, which will be able to be found

at www.OALodge159.org. In addition we are working an email system that will allow Arrowmen to receive updates via email.

More detail on all the items I mentioned can be found throughout this news-

letter and online through the Greater Niagara Frontier Council website (www.gnfc-bsa.org). I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Yours in Brotherhood,
David Lloyd

From the Polaris Chapter Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

I am looking forward to a whole new year; however we cannot start off the new year without support from our Chapter. Our Chapter has meetings once a month at the District Roundtables. As of now, we have very few scouts who attend. Anyone can attend and we would

love to have you present.

On a happy note, the Polaris District is sending a full ceremony team to NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Based on our ceremonial teams past successes, we are hoping to do well.

In June, I will be stepping down as

Chapter Chief in preparation for college. Anyone interested in filling this gap should contact me at isthis-casey@hotmail.com.

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Casey Dahlstrom

From the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter Chief

Dear Arrowmen,

OA elections are coming up and I hope to see a lot more OA members from TR. I will try to go around to all the TR troops to talk to you about the Order of

the Arrow. Our Lodge Dinner and The University of Scouting are coming up. The Lodge Dinner is on the 13 of March and University of Scouting is on the 12 so I hope to see many of you there.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Mark Malkiewicz

From the Silver Lakes Chapter Chief

Dear Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been a great help to me. I would also like to encourage those who have not participated to do so. We have many upcoming events and open positions in the Chapter that can easily allow you to become more involved. There are open positions in the following Chapter Committees: Vigil Nominations (Youth Chairmen), Activi-

ties (Adult Advisor), Camp Promotions (Youth and Adult), Membership (Youth and Adult), Vice Chiefs (many are welcomed) and Election Teams could always use a hand. There are many upcoming fun events to attend, such as: Section Conclave, NOAC and the Tote Wash (just to name a few). However, these are only a



few ways that an OA member can become more active in his Chapter and Lodge as a whole. If you have any interest in anything I have mentioned, please feel free to email me at Silver_Lakes_oa@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing many new active faces in the order.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matt Iannello

Up and Coming Dates

March 2006

5 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
8 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (ON-TR)
9 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (POL)
11 University of Scouting @ Hamburg HS
12 Lodge Banquet @ Twin District Fire Hall
15 OA Chapter Meeting (SL)
18 Tote Wash Fundraiser
20 NOAC Informational Meeting @ St. Patrick's Church
24 Broomball 7-10PM @ Nichols School
25 Service Project—Good Turn For America

11 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (POL)
17 OA Chapter Meeting (SL)
19-21 Ordeal Weekend @ Stonehaven

June 2006

2-4 Section Conclave @ Camp Olmstead
5 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
14 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (ON-TR)
15 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (POL)
21 OA Chapter Meeting (SL)
23-25 Ordeal Weekend @ SSR and Scouthaven

April 2006

3 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
12 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (ON-TR)
13 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (POL)
19 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (SL)
21-23 Vigil Weekend at Camp Stonehaven

May 2006

1 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
10 OA Chapter Meeting @ Roundtable (ON-TR)

Abbreviations:

ON-Onondaga, POL—Polaris, SL—Silver Lakes, TR—Theodore Roosevelt, SSR—Camp Schoellkopf

Please send your comments, suggests, and unanswered questions to the staff of the Longhouse Messenger at Lodge159LHM@Hotmail.com. You may also send your comments to the Lodge Executive Committee at OALodge159@Netscape.net

NOAC 2006

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is quickly approaching. We will be leaving for Lansing Michigan on July 29 and returning August 3rd. We currently have around 60 members registered to attend. The is by far a

Lodge record for attendance and we are very excited. We will be serving chicken wings at the NOAC Founders Day to showcase the home of the Buffalo Chicken Wing. Our next Tote Wash Fund Raiser will be March 18th and our next NOAC meeting for all

contingent members is March 20th. If you have any interest in attending NOAC please contact Dave or Mona Lloyd immediately since time is running out to register.

Knots Scouting Cartoons

Knots LAW: Thrifty



Knots LAW: Brave



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An Adventure is Waiting Just For You

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about

what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a

daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday

that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...



TR Chapter and 2006 Northern Klondike

On January 20-22, 2006 at Camp Stonehaven, 31 Arrowmen from the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter and Guests (Polaris Chapter) held the 2006 Klondike Derby for the Theodore Roosevelt, North, and North West Districts.

The theme of the weekend was "The Thrilling Hunt", which was a big scavenger hunt in the afternoon. The typical Klondike events were held during the weekend, including the Klondike Sled Race and Patrol events in the morning.

We also had a Dutch Oven Chili Cook-off and a great Camp Fire where we passed out awards to end the weekend.

The Klondike was a big hit with 411 people in camp, made up of 25 troops, totaling 42 patrols. This Klondike was the biggest Klondike in the council for 2006 and the biggest Klondike the old Polaris District has ever seen. They owe it all to the Order of the Arrow.

We would personally like to thank every one on our staff; whom sat out in

the rain and snow to make it the best Klondike ever. They put over 620 hours of service in for the council, and that's what the OA is all about. Finally, we would like to thank Rob Reeves, Jim Yuhnke, and Gus Comas for being the best advisors ever.

Thanks Again,
Stephen Blass
Rich Perry
Co-Chairmen

Section Conclave 2006 Camp Olmstead

CALLING ALL LODGE 159 MEMBERS,

The **Section Conclave** is June 2-4, 2006 at Camp Olmstead in Warren Pennsylvania. The Theme is **CHIEF CORN PLANTERS CHALLENGE**. Lodge 159 would like to have the biggest turn out ever. If we bring the biggest contingent, I am sure it will be the Zaniest Conclave ever.

This Year you can look for **NEW**

All of the Following words except 1 are in the puzzle to the Right, Try to figure out which word does not belong in the list below.

Olmstead
Steve Blass?



Games
Chief
Program

Activities
Cornplanter
Golden Arrow
Section
Camping

Dance Team
Lodge
Silver Arrow
Food
Ceremonies
Fun!!!!!!

The first 10 people to correctly identify the extra word will be featured in the next edition of the Longhouse Messenger. Please send your name and the word to lodge159puzzles@hotmail.com

and **IMPROVED** Silver Arrow and Golden Arrow games. Those are games that the youth and adult compete in against other Lodges.

You can also look forward to great Ceremonial Competition, a Dance Team activity, better training, Great shows, and good fellowship and food. This is also a great way to meet many Arrowmen if you are going to NOAC.

The cost is \$40.00 a person, which includes the section fee, a shirt, a lodge flap, and a great cracker barrel. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lodge Section Conclave Chairmen
Section Secretary
Stephen Blass

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M A E T E C N A D O E I E S C
G O L D E N A R R O W G T K E
A G M S A R H R R G A E N B R
U C P I Y E A A N M V R A X E
W M T X U R T I E E V Z L G M
I V M I E O P S B G Q K P Z O
K X P V V M C L M U N N N O N
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Y N A Z V V N D K N U S R T N
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From the Associate Advisor

Arrowmen of Lodge 159- I would like to thank the those from Troop 102, Troop 107, and other friends for their valiant efforts. They organized the extremely successful Theodore Roosevelt/ Polaris Klondike at Camp Stonehaven. There were over 410 participants! This event organized by Richard Perry (102)

and Steve Blass (107) was put on totally by the Order of the Arrow. This shows that these 2 young men only 19 years old can put on an exceptional event. This is yet another example of how the Boy Scout program helps develop future leaders. Remember that your first priority is to your troop but, you also need to provide

service to the council and community. I hope to see all of you come out to the Spring Ordeals to help improve the council camps.

See you at the lodge dinner,
Jim Yuhnke

Arrowmen Information Station

Brothers –We are looking for Cheerful Service



On March 11 the University of Scouting will be held at Hamburg High School. The event attracts hundreds of leaders, scouts and parents. We are looking for Arrowmen to assist in setting up tables on Friday March 10 (6 to 9 pm) as well as members to assist with the event activities on March 11. The opening Ceremony will feature the Order of the Arrow as we “Walk the Scouting Trail.” Please contact Mona Lloyd at 648-3926 to coordinate your cheerful service.

A New Lodge Website to be up and running soon! Check out www.OAlodge159.org.



VIGILS Look out for the Vigil Weekend Flyer in the mail, It will be April 21-23 2006 at Camp Stonehaven Cost \$20.00 by April 17, 2006, \$25.00 after. Flyers Available at council office and at lodge Events

The following items will be voted on at the upcoming Lodge Dinner

Candidates for Office (2006-2007)

Purposed Lodge Rule Changes

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| Lodge Chief | Frederick Briggs David Lloyd | 1) Section F: Lodge Organization A) Paragraph 2 Lodge Officers: D) Add after the word “secretary”, the words: “a treasurer” |
| Lodge Secretary | Stephen Blass | 2) Section H: Lodge nomination and voting A) Paragraph 4 I) Delete the word: “and” II) Add “and treasurer” after the word secretary |
| Lodge Treasurer | Alexander Hyla | III) After the words “Lodge Secretary” add the words “then the lodge treasurer” IV) After the words “Lodge Secretary may run for” add the words “Lodge treasurer, and a candidate not elected treasurer may run for,” |
| Onondaga Chapter Chief | Sean Jones | 3) Section K: Finances A) Paragraph 6: It is the responsibility of the Lodge: I) Delete the word Secretary II) Add “and his advisor” after the word treasurer |
| Polaris Chapter Chief | Shaun McDermott | B) Paragraph 7: Lodge Dues: D) Change the words “December 31 st yearly” to “March 1 st of that year” |
| Silver Lakes Chapter Chief | Dave Hager Adam Lloyd | 4) Section M: Vigil Honor: A) Paragraph 2 I) Add the words “and the District Executive of their chapter” after the word Council Executive |
| Theodore Roosevelt Chapter Chief | Mark Malkiewicz | |

From Lodge Advisory Chaplain

Wimachtendienk,

As I reflect on the season we are in our various faiths, I find my thoughts on a rather interesting subject. For many if not all of us, we are in the season that bridges from a season of light to a season of sacrifice. What I find interesting is that within the Lodge, and especially in the Ordeal, is that we experience just such a transitional bridge. It was the light of scouting that was considered in and recognized by our peers that led to our selection for membership. Our peers were instructed to consider not our personality or likeability, but whether we

live out the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives. Our ordeal was in fact that bridge of season in scouting. We dedicated ourselves to a life of service in the obligation. Service and servant leadership mark a life of sacrifice. Many of you during the last two months or so have experienced a great number of situations that may have taxed your cheerfulness, your availability to serve, and even your willingness to serve. Be encouraged, seasons are changing. My hopes are that each of you will find sometime perhaps at the Conclave or the Lodge Dinner to recharge your batteries and renew your

commitment to the principles of our order for the spring season. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future especially at the Spring Ordeal weekends. Remember: The light of scouting shines brightest in acts of cheerful service.

Witahemui,

Rev. Jim DeLair
Lodge Advisory Chaplain

From the Lodge Advisor

To all Lodge 159 members. CONGRATULATIONS. We are an Honor Lodge for 2005. This is our 8th year in a row as Honor Lodge. I've been in the lodge since 1971, and can't remember when we have ever accomplished that. We registered 1170 members, 513 ordeals, 472 Brotherhoods, and 175 Vigils. We had 229 new ordeals join the OA and our Lodge, 124 sealed their bond and became Brotherhood members, and 14 members were honored with the Vigil Honor. We had our Spring Ordeal weekend at Schoellkopf with over 300 members in attendance, we had the Fall Ordeal weekend at all 3 camps, and a Lodge Conclave in August. We attended the NE-3A Section Conclave with 60 members. Only the host lodge had more in attendance, where the Adults came home with the "Silver Arrow". And to cap the year off, our Lodge received a matching grant of \$1200.00 from the National Order of the Arrow, to construct a tower at Camp Stonehaven for Cub Day Camp. What a Year.

Well this year is starting off to be a great year too. As of January 31st, we have 524 Dues paid members for 2006. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do and get it out of the way. Jeff Blasko and Steve Blass are planning a great Winter Conclave at Camp Stonehaven. February 24th-26th. The University of Scouting is on Saturday March 11th, followed by our Annual Lodge Dinner on Sunday March 12th. At the January's Lodge Ex Committee mtg., the youth approved the tentative Rules Changes, which will be voted on at the Lodge Dinner. Due to the Lodge adding the Lodge Treasurer to the Lodge Executive Committee. We needed to make a few corrections to the current Rules (Election of Officers, and Election procedures to name a few). While looking at the current Rules, there were also some parts of the Lodge Rules that needed to be updated. Copies of the proposed Rule Changes are available on request and will be available at the Lodge Dinner. The youth members will vote by secret ballot. If the New Rules are passed, then the Lodge election of Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasure and then the 4

Chapter Chiefs, will be run at the General Lodge meeting. Also at the Lodge Dinner, we will be honoring 3 fellow Brothers with the "Founders Award". David, Jeff, and Steve have been hard at work making sure we will have a GREAT DINNER. If you haven't signed up yet, you only have till February 27th. to get the discount cost of \$12.00. Walk-in will be charged \$20.00. Each Chapter should have a display to be judged by the members at the dinner. Also, the Lodge Trading Post will be there for you to purchase hats, patches, and T-shirts. Please note the location change of the Lodge Dinner



this year. The Dinner is at the **Twin District Fire Co 4999 William St Lancaster, NY** (East of Transit), Opening Ceremony starts at 5:30pm. Plan on attending.

Next is our annual Broom Ball tournament at Nicholas School Ice Rink. This year we have contracted the BIG RINK, so we can have 2 games going at the same time. See the Flyer for more information and sign up your team. On April 21-23rd will be the 2nd annual Vigil fellowship weekend at Camp Stonehaven. (Sorry Vigil members only). Next is the Section Conclave June 2nd-4th. at Camp Olmsted, Lodge 255 has guaranteed us a great weekend of fun and fellowship. Camp Olmsted is southwest of Salamanca, NY on the Kinzu Reservoir in PA. The cost for Lodge 159 is \$40.00, which includes your food for the weekend, a Lodge Hat,

and T-shirt (different than last year) an in-site cracker-barrel, and a special Lodge Flap. Watch for more information in the next newsletter. David Lloyd, our Lodge Chief, has set a goal of 59 members. Let's see if we can hit his goal.

Next comes the spring workweekend, which will be at all three camps. Polaris (Northwest & North District) and Ted Roosevelt will be at Stonehaven on May 19-21st, Onondaga, (Cayuga and Indian Trails) will be at Schoellkopf, and Silver Lakes (Erie Shores & Southern Hills) will be at Scouthaven both on June 23rd-25th. In August, the Lodge will be trying something different. We will run a Summer Ordeal Work weekend August 25th-27th, at Camp SSR and Camp Scouthaven. Another change is the Lodge Conclave, which will be held on September 15-17th. at Camp Scouthaven. And not in August.

Last year we almost didn't achieve the Brotherhood conversion of 30%. This year the Lodge will be targeting the Ordeals that have been a Ordeal member for more than 2 yrs, hay some of you have been a Ordeal member since 1960, pay your dues and that's it. When you just pay your dues and don't seal your bond in the Brotherhood, you are hurting the youth and adults of this Lodge that work so hard to encourage other Ordeals that become a Brotherhood member. There are 5 different weekends and 6 weeks at summer camp to seal your bond in the Brotherhood.

Last but not least. I want to congratulate some new Advisers, Dennis Smigiera is the Lodge Treasurer Adviser, Jack Blass is the Co-Adviser with Jeff Blasko for the Ted Roosevelt Chapter, and James Pankow is the Co-Adviser with Darrell Willcott of the Erie Shores and Southern Hills District/Chapter.

In closing, if everyone dose their job this year, as they did last year, we will be an HONOR LODGE for the 9th consecutive year. Remember, in 2007 Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee 159 will be 40 years old. Lodges 159 and 284 merged in 1967 to become the Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159

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