



A Word from the Lodge Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

Hello everyone. It is now the end of the year and that means that you should be getting ready for all of our fellowship events coming up in the next few months. These events such as Broomball and Bowling are only some of the events that all of you can look forward to having fun at. Hopefully many of you decide to attend.

Since it is the end of the year, it is also time to start getting ready for elections in January. The sooner elections are scheduled the more we can do and thus adding more brothers into our brotherhood of honor campers. If you want to schedule an election either contact me or your chapter chief and we will have a few arrowmen come out to your troop meeting and hold an election. Also if you know anyone who would like to have an election held at their troop meeting pass this along to them.

I am also looking for those members who are in good standing, by paying your dues, who would like to play a greater role in the lodge or your chapter by taking on leadership positions. The Order of the Arrow is a youth run organization so we need your help to decide how our lodge is ran. If you are interested in what positions are available please contact either myself or the chapter chief of your chapter.

If anyone 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.

And have a great Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours in the

Brotherhood,

Sean Jones



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Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ Lodge Winter Fellowship 2008 February 8-10
- ⇒ Vigil Breakfast (December 29)
- ⇒ Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

From the Onondaga Chapter Chief

Hello Brothers:

I am impressed with the use of our lodge spirit at the various events such as the Conclave, the Ordeal Weekend. Do not forget the Beaver days at Scout Haven and Stone Haven. The tote wash was a real success for the lodge to help cover some of the cost for Arrow Corps5. I am

looking forward to lodge bowling on December 14 at Thruway Lanes on Walden Avenue from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Watch for a flyer to follow. I will keep you posted about dates for Lodge Fellowship weekend in February and Lodge Banquet in March. I hope to see you at the next event. Also, we now have a photo album online at <http://>

picasaweb.google.com/onondagachapterlodge159 . If you would like to help us out such as being an officer or for event please do not hesitate to contact at mikehynes@roadrunner.com or at Home 633-8248.

Yours in Brotherhood,

From the Seneca Chapter Chief

Dear Brothers:

Hello, this is Adam Lloyd the Seneca Chapter Chief I hope that all of you had a great time at the events that the Lodge has taken part in like Beaver Days, Halloween Fun Days, and the Ordeal Weekend. If you have happen to miss some or all of these don't worry because there are plenty more coming up for example Lodge Bowling on the Dec.

14th, the Vigil Breakfast on Dec. 29th, and Arrow Corps 5 coming up this summer in Wyoming. If you are a new member looking to get involved or a long time member just looking to read my article for an invite to get involved then what are you waiting for? For more information and positions that need your help, Please call or e-mail me at hermet-

dog1234@yahoo.com and (716)-648-3926.

Seneca Chapter Chief,
Adam Lloyd

From the Polaris Chapter Chief

Greetings Brothers,

Welcome brothers to the new chapter Falling Waters, if you are wondering what happened to Polaris, well we changed the name. I was disappointed about the showing of scouts at my chapter meeting, so if you don't like the name, you should have been there to

change it. Any way, back to business, lodge bowling is coming up on Friday the 14 of December, so come out and have a blast, it will be held at thruway lanes.

WWW
Travis Zukic

From the Onondaga Chapter Advisor

Hello Brothers,

The snow is already flying. The year has almost passed and unit election season is just around the corner. As the New Year starts please remember to pay your dues on a timely basis. For the unit leaders, SPL's and troop reps this is also a good time to check with your brothers in your troops to see where they stand with their dues and their honors. Do you have brothers who are ordeal members and have been for over ten month's maybe even years? Remind them of the journey they started when they did their ordeal and remind them to convert to brotherhood. By paying your dues and converting to brotherhood you are helping the lodge with two requirements to be a qual-

ity lodge. Once again this year we fell short in our bid to regaining the quality lodge status. Please remember our youth who work hard every month, they need your support and hopefully in 2008 we will once again be a quality lodge. With that off my chest I will get off my soap box and wish you all a very happy holiday season and I hope to see many of you at our events coming up through the season and into the New Year. What's on tap you ask? We have bowling, our winter fellowship weekend, and of course there's broomball. And as winter winds down we will have our annual lodge banquet where the youth will elect our new slate of officers. We also have to huge events coming in the New Year that you should attend. In June we will host our section conclave

at Scouthaven and in July we will send a contingent to ArrowCorp 5. You can find the pertinent information about the events in this newsletter and online at the lodge's website www.oalodge159.org. If you have questions about any of the events or the Order in general, please get in touch with the lodge at info@oalodge159.org. You can also contact me directly by email at lar-ryj1300@verizon.net or by phone at 716-897-1493.

Y.I.B.,

Larry Jones
Onondaga Chapter Advisor

Up and Coming Dates

December 2007

- 3 LEC meeting
- 12 Chapter Meeting (ON-POL)
- 19 Chapter Meeting (SEN)
- 29 Vigil Breakfast

January 2008

- 7 LEC Meeting
- 9 Chapter Meeting (ON-POL)
- 16 Chapter Meeting (SEN)

February 2008

- 4 LEC Meeting
- 8-10 Lodge Winter Fellowship
- 13 Chapter Meeting (ON-POL)
- 20 Chapter Meeting (SEN)

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 info@oalodge159.org

ARROWCORPS⁵



Bridger Teton National Forest

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: *ArrowCorps⁵*.

ArrowCorps⁵ 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 lodge Arrow Corps5 coordinator, Adam Lloyd.

In Our Prayers...

I am sad to report to you that Peggy Fullman, wife of Douglas Fullman, Associate Regional Director/Program, passed away Sunday morning December 16, 2007. She died from complications related to cancer that was recently diagnosed.

The thoughts and prayers of the Scouting community will be greatly appreciated at this difficult time. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Doug Fullman for those of you who do not know is the Northeast Region Staff Advisor.

Condolences may be sent to Doug Fullman, 84 Parker Road South, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.



From The Lodge Advisor

Greeting in Service,

Once again let me thank each of you for your support during the last quarter as I move forward as lodge advisor. Since September a great deal has been accomplished in the lodge: two beaver days, support to the Halloween Fund Day, three Lodge Executive Committee meetings, numerous chapter and conclave planning meetings, and Section HARD-CORE Training. During all of these events I have found myself in the company of some of the finest young men and adults that Scouting has to offer. The Order of the Arrow-National Brotherhood of Honor Campers is the premier society whose purpose is to honor those youth and adults who best exemplify the principles of the Scout Law and Oath and live a legacy of service. Shortly, we will once again be in the season of elections, the first step in honoring those youth and adults. I encourage each unit to contact the appropriate chapter chief as early as possible to schedule a timely election conducted by the chapter teams. Election request forms can be found on the OA section of the council website. Though in the past units have in a time of need done their own elections, the lodge and unit is best served when representatives of the Order conduct the election. Upcoming agenda items include: re-chartering with

national, examination of the next 18-months planning calendar, establishing the budget for the next year, planning the annual dinner, and establishing lodge goals for the next year in light of the council and national five year strategic plans. As the lodge moves forward, I hope to see an increase in the number of youth serving at both the chapter and lodge level; there are currently a number of unfilled positions at both levels. During this planning and the planning of lodge leadership development the youth leadership has been encouraged to examine the following national initiatives:

The 2007-2012 OA Strategic Plan - "A Legacy of Servant Leadership"
Brotherhood Conversion - "Understanding and Meeting Quality Lodge Requirements"
OA Troop/Team Representative - "A Guide to Effective Local Program"
OA Scoutreach Mentoring - "An Arrowman's Introduction"
The OA and Cub Scouting - "The Order's Role"
Supporting the Council - "The Lodge's Role in Council Support"

The next quarter proves to be an opportunity for the lodge and chapter to develop the plans to move back toward quality lodge status. It is somewhat disheartening

to see the number of arrowmen that have to be dropped from the roles due to non-payment of dues. Each member will be receiving notification of dues shortly after the first of the year with a suspense date of early March. Your prompt verification of information and payment of dues will assist the lodge in accurate updating of the database OALodgemaster. This database supported by the National Office will allow more accurate processing and timely accountability and communications with members. Please extend every effort to support of our move into the application of modern technology in serving the council and lodge. In closing I wish each of you and your families my warmest seasons greetings.

YIS,
J. DeLair
Lodge Advisor

From Lodge Advisory Chaplain

Greeting in Brotherhood,

Once again I find myself beginning to think about the various celebrations of the season. In each of the traditions I am involved with I find a celebration of lights. As with our order there is a central theme in these traditions that lead to a spirit of joy and cheer that comes from flame. I wish to take this time to encourage each of you to find some way to increase cheerfulness in your own lives and the lives of others. During the pressures of the season often we can find ourselves overwhelmed and frustrated this in turn can lead to a lack of joy or cheer. One of the ways to increase cheer is in service.

The smallest of acts of service can increase cheerfulness in others: Hold a door, carry a package, give a smile, spend time with those who need an ear, support a food drive, or perhaps open your celebration to those away from family. Each of us has been challenged both by our individual faiths and our order to be of service, cheerful, and a brother to others. Perhaps, this is the season for each of us to consider how these principles and teachings can be applied beyond the council and lodge, chapter and unit, and become an impact on the larger community and world. Our founder has challenged us to live a legacy of service, be that service great or small. To quote

Mother Theresa of Calcutta: "We can do no great things, only things with great love." Is this not the principle contained within our admonition? Love is not a feeling it is an act of our will. Let us move into the celebration of the season and the new lodge year with a commitment one to another and to the larger world and work of scouting: to love in brotherhood, walk in cheerfulness in all we do, and serve all. Wishing you all a blessed holiday season and prosperous new year.

Rev. J. DeLair
Lodge Chaplain



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