

A Word from the Lodge Chief



Brothers,

Election season is right around the corner. So please, ask your Scoutmasters to sign up for an election ASAP. The season opens on January 1st and lasts till April 30th. If you are interested in becoming part of your chapter's election team please contact your Chapter Chief and let him know. We are also holding Election training on January 18, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm at the Council Service Center. Any and all help is appreciated. The Lodge is also currently doing camp promotions so if your Troop would like to participate in one contact your Chapter Chief for that as well.

The Lodge will also be holding our annual Lodge Bowling night on December 11. For more information and sign ups please visit the Lodge website. There is an early bird special if you register before December 4th. The night will include three games of bowling and unlimited pizza and pop. This event will also allow you to purchase a Lodge Flap, so please come and join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

The Lodge will be sending out dues notices soon. So please fill out the notices with the correct information in a timely manner. It would also be appreciated if you could make sure members of your Troop got the notice.

Every Chapter is now regularly holding Chapter Meetings so please make an extra effort to attend. Your Chapter Chiefs are doing an excellent job but can not do it alone. They need your help; especially if they want to win the Quality Chapter Award. This award is going to be similar to the Quality Lodge Award. The award will come with bragging rights and other rewards to be determined.

Finally, keep in mind the Lodge Banquet in March and our Winter Fellowship in February. More details on those events are to come.

Keep checking the Lodge website for new information and to keep up to date with all things OA. If you have any questions you can contact your Chapter Chiefs or myself.

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Jim Prowse

Lodge Chief

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GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL #380

Longhouse Messenger

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Special Arrows of Interest

- ⇒ Remember to go to your monthly Chapter Meetings. Don't know when or where they are? Contact your Chapter Chief.
- ⇒ Happy Holidays!

A Word From the Lodge Advisor

Seasons Greetings from the desk of the Lodge Advisor.

I would just like to take this chance to wish everyone a happy holiday season and thank you for your support of the lodge. It has been a busy and successful year for our membership and I hope you will continue to support the youth activities of our council and lodge as 2010 approaches.

We have several fun activities planned for the remainder of this and the 1st quarter of next year and encourage you to visit the council or lodge web site to find out more about the Lodge Christmas Bowling Party

on December 11, the Annual Breakfast for Vigil members on January 2nd and the Winter Fellowship on February 19-21. All of these are fun events and we hope you and the members of your unit will join us for these activities.

Registration forms will be on the wall at the council service center and on the lodge web site.

You will also be receiving our 2010 dues notice any time now, please take a minute to complete the paperwork and send in your dues for next year. Our membership committee has been working very hard on a

new system and has assured us that the membership cards will be mailed out to you in a very timely manner. We worked hard to achieve Quality Lodge in 2009, let's be a Quality Lodge and do it again in 2010

Again, thank you all for your support of our officers and the Lodge.

Jerry Sullivan II
Lodge Advisor

A Word From the Lodge Staff Advisor

As we move forward through the end of 2009, it is worth our time to look in all directions and see where we are.

2009 was a great year for our Lodge, we qualified to be a National Quality Lodge by September thanks to much hard work and motivating from our Lodge Advisor and we played a leadership part in some truly wonderful service opportunities, particularly the Shoshanna "Make a Wish" project. We set up our summer camps and did an important project at Camp Stonehaven. We held court at University and directed traffic at Halloween Fun Day! We provided food for the Program Launch event and speakers at some of the Scouting Today presentations. Our Elangomat pro-

gram has continued to grow stronger and will have a positive impact on our council and Lodge in the future. Our Lodge was spirited at the Section Conclave and inspired at the NOAC. We have representation in the Council Scouting Museum and our Lodge brothers are evident in every district and council committee and function in Western New York. More importantly, our chapters have begun to grow and take on new and exciting leadership roles. There's a lot more, too!

Looking to the future, I'm certain that maintaining the status of being "first" with our Quality Lodge petition will continue. I know that some awe-inspiring service projects are being considered by our chapters

and our Lodge will be counted on to provide cheerful service in many different ways. I'd like to see us continue to grow the Elangomat program, begin working with our multicultural markets by providing camping assistance and find other ways to help our Cub Scouting program. I know that with the leadership we have in our Lodge there is nothing too challenging for us to achieve. I look forward to the coming years with great anticipation and excitement!

Yours in Scouting
Jim Binz (Wulaptonaelchukquonk)
Lodge Staff Advisor

Lodge Election Training

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Lodge Election Training

What: How to successfully recruit Troops and have a good election.

When: January 18, 2010 - 7PM (prompt please!) to 9PM

Why: Without Elections the Lodge does not recruit new members!

Where: Council Service Center

Who: Lodge Election Teams from Falling Waters, Onondaga and Seneca Chapters

and any other members that are willing to help with elections!

RSVP: By January 4th to Matt Wrobel – allstar.shortstop@yahoo.com

Questions: Matt Wrobel – Lodge Training Chair – 393-1651

Mrs. Roberta Wojcinski – Lodge Training Advisor – 481-0428

A Word From the Seneca Chapter Advisor

Brothers,

It has been a very busy Fall, for the Seneca Chapter.

The Scout Haven Fall work weekend was a success with the Induction of 4 new Ordeal members and the Conversion of 11 new Brotherhood members.

While the Fall weekend was less soggy than the Spring weekend, the sash presentation ceremonies were performed in Lakeside Lodge. Where under the direction of Dan Berger, the ceremonial team and their adult advisors made the evening ceremonies memorable. So, we still haven't had a OA ceremony under the lights in the Pine Bowl, but there are always more work weekends to come in 2010.

The Seneca Chapter with the assistance of Mr. Larry Jones and Venture Crew 614, helped with the set-up and clean up at the Fall Badge-A-Palooza at Sprague Brook Park, with special thanks to the Rick and Dan Tornow for their closing campfire. The pillar of fire that reached skyward reminded everyone of a scene from the 1st Indiana Jones movie. I am sure the fire was visible to the International Space Station.

If you haven't made a chance to come

to the recent Seneca Chapter monthly meeting you've missed out on our Guest lecture series.

October's meeting feature Jeff Gill and his son, of the Seneca Nation Indians. It was a terrific night with Jeff and his son taking about their life experiences and the values of family and honor that we all hold so dear. Mr. Gill also invited the Seneca Chapter to join in the Seneca Nation Snowsnake competition that will be held sometime in the Winter of 2010. More information will be made available, when a date is set.

November's meeting featured an Archeologist, who specialized in the studying the Native Americans of the Northeastern USA. He put on a terrific slide show and discussed the changes in archeology in the last centuries. How, archeology has evolved from simple grave robbing to a highly detailed process.

December's meeting will be held;

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Blessed John XXIII Parish Hall

Corner of Arcade and Harlem Road

West Seneca

After a brief meeting will be a fellowship to celebrate the season.

Starting in January, the Seneca Chapter monthly meeting will return to our normal meeting location: The community room at the Southgate Plaza in West Seneca.

In January our guest speaker will be from Eastern Mountain Sports and will be discussing winter camping. As a reminder Seneca Chapter meetings occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month and run from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.

Remember to send in your 2010 dues when you get the notification in the mail, and help us all obtain Quality Lodge for 2010.

Remember to say a prayer for all our servicemen and women and their families, and thank them for keeping this great country of ours free.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Patrick Quinn

Seneca Chapter Advisor

A Word From the Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Brothers,

We finally have a place for our meetings. The 2nd Tuesday of each month, come to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 453 Old Falls Blvd in North Tonawanda at 7:00 pm to see what the Chapter and Lodge are doing. If you haven't signed up already, Lodge Bowling is Dec. 11th, Jan 2nd is the Vigil Breakfast, there is a Tote Wash on Jan. 23rd, and the Winter Fellowship is Feb. 19-21. Check the Lodge website for registration info. I would like to welcome Nate Sikora and Steve Heeb to our elections team. We will all be attending training on Jan. 18th and look forward to meeting with scoutmasters at election time. We are still looking for youth & adults to fill some key positions in our chapter. If you are interested in doing Camp Promotions or Chapter Activities & Programs, please contact me at brandon_minicucci@yahoo.com. I would like to wish everyone safe and Happy Holi-

days!

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Brandon Minicucci

Falling Waters Chapter Chief

Season's Greetings

From the Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

Greetings Brothers,

Well we finally have a "home" for our monthly Chapter Meetings. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The location is St Paul's Lutheran Church; 453 Old Falls Blvd. Enter from the back parking lot and head downstairs and we'll be there. If your Troop happens to meet on a Tuesday night, now might be the time to think about stepping up to become a Troop OA Representative and attend the chapter meeting then return to your home Troop and share everything with your fellow brothers. The best way to have fun is to get involved. We have many "Fun" activities planned for this year, such as the bowling night on December 11 at Tonawanda

lanes and the always popular broom ball. Talk with your fellow brothers and come out and give us a try. I am convinced that if we all work together we will meet with success. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future; feel free to discuss with me your thoughts and ideas for the chapter. If you have any questions about any of the events, or the Chapter in general, please feel free to contact me at emilitello@roadrunner.com or by phone 716 625 4216.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Eric Militello

Falling Waters Chapter Advisor

A Word From the Service Vice-Chief

Brothers,

Thank you for your service this past fall. There is a tote wash fundraiser on January 23rd 2010 at Mckesson drugs. Please come and help support our lodge. The money will be put towards future na-

tional and section lodge trips. Have a good holiday with your families.

Your Vice Chief of Service

Dan Tornow

A Word From the Onodaga Chapter Advisor

Friends,

As I write this our first snow has fallen and we are getting ready to hibernate for the winter season but let us not forget that the Lodge has many events over the winter. This is a time that you can join your old friends and make new ones at one of our events. I say this to all but I would like to extend a huge invitation to all our brothers who were inducted this past year, we have so many opportunities for you. Check out the schedule of events in this newsletter and make it a point to join us at one or more of them. For those of you in the Onondaga Chapter we have our meetings the first Thursday of each month at SS. Peter & Paul school building, 66 Burlington Avenue in Depew. You can catch up on all that is happening in the Lodge and then have some fun in the gym. If we get enough youth and adults at our meeting we may be able to get a big game going with the old guys taking on the young guns in a game of basketball! Our ceremony team is always looking for new members to join us so if

you are interested please contact me or our Chapter Chief Peter "Smiles" Raichel and we will give you all the information you need. To our many adults, if you would like to be more involved there are many advisor positions that are available on the Chapter and the Lodge level. This is a great opportunity to help our youth to fully realize their leadership potential by helping to run this Lodge. As always I am always here to lend support and a helping hand and to answer any questions you may have about our chapter, the lodge and the Order. Unit elections are around the corner and this is a great way to be involved. Before I close I would like to congratulate our Chief, Jim Prowse and Advisor Jerry Sullivan II with leading us to Quality Lodge status for another year. Happy holidays to all!

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Larry Jones

Up and Coming Dates

December 2009

- 7 LEC Meeting @ CSC
- 11 Lodge Bowling

January 2010

- 2 Vigil Breakfast

- 4 LEC Meeting @ CSC

- 23 Lodge Totewash

February 2010

- 1 LEC Meeting @ CSC

SSR - Schoellkopf Scout Reservation, STH - Camp Stonehaven, SCH - Camp Scouthaven, CSC - Council Service Center,
LEC - Lodge Executive Committee

A Word From the Seneca Chapter Chief

Brothers:

My name is Ian Shick. I am the new Chapter Chief of the Seneca Chapter. I am looking forward to working with my Vice Chiefs, Andrew Skelton and Anthony DeMarco as well as my Advisor, Mr. Patrick Quinn. I'm confident we are going to have another successful year. I'm planning on inviting many interesting speakers to talk at our meetings. So make sure you come to all of our Chapter meetings. Look for e-mail blasts announcing future events.

I want to tell you all a story. On July 18, 2009, my father, Mike O'Sullivan, and I attended the Seneca Veterans Pow Wow in Salamanca, NY. Mike and I are on the Seneca Ceremonial Team and wanted to learn more about the Seneca Indians. At the Pow Wow, a twelve year old girl named Shashonee came out before the entire crowd with a woman named Beanie Jaimeson. Shashonee is a Native American from the Tuscarora Nation in Niagara County. While Shashonee stood before the crowd, Ms. Jaimeson told everyone Shashonee's story. Shashonee is dying. She was born with a liver defect that has now turned into cancer. Shashonee has been granted a wish by the Make a Wish Foundation. Wishes are granted to children that are dying. Shashonee's wish isn't to go to Disney World or to meet a celebrity; her wish is to travel to twelve Territories of her people in Canada, to learn about her heritage. She also wanted to help her people before she met the Creator. She wanted to collect books and blankets for her people in those Territories.

If Shashonee had chosen a wish for something for herself, no one would have

blamed her. In fact, the majority of people in her place choose to do something to make their own lives a little happier. Not Shashonee. She has chosen to help her people who are very poor.

Meteu says when he speaks the legend of our Order, "he who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest." This is one of the virtues of our Order that we hold very dear for we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. When we heard that Shashonee's last wish was to help others before she dies, we knew our Order had to take up Shashonee's cause. For it was only right.

The next meeting of the Lodge, I made a motion that the Lodge take up the cause. It was seconded and approved by everyone at the meeting. All agreed that we had to do something.

The call went out to the Lodge for help and the Lodge answered. We collected a total of twenty-eight (28) boxes of books and nine (9) boxes of blankets. One Scout answered the call by having a party. To go to the party, he collected a book and a blanket from all who attended. My father and I placed a collection box at our church. Many donated books from their own collections. Mrs. Lloyd donated \$300 worth of blankets from the Friends of the OA account.

On September 6, 2009, Mr. Prowse, Mrs. Lloyd, her son David, her husband, and I attended a party in Niagara Falls. The party celebrated the end of the book and blanket drive. Shashonee, her mother, her Grandmother, and father as well as Ms. Jaimeson and her husband were there. Shashonee personally thanked our Order for the donations made. She was very thankful.

Shashonee is one of the bravest people I know and it was an honor to have helped her. I have included a picture of Shashonee and her family, Ms. Jaimeson and her husband, and me. I presented Shashonee a blanket that my Grandmother had knitted especially for her in the traditional Tuscarora colors of purple and white.

Its service like this that makes our Lodge as good and true to our calling as we are. I want to personally thank all who helped make Shashonee's wish come true.

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Seneca Chapter Chief



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