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## *A Word From The Lodge Chief*

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Brothers,

Spring has sprung! We are moving forward with election season. Starting with the election of Lodge Officers for 2012 who will be taking over in June. I would like to congratulate the following newly elected Lodge Officers. They are: James Dolan (Lodge Chief), Frank Silence (Vice Chief of Service), Kevin Caccard (Secretary), Joey Arrindell (Treasurer), Michael Lucas (Seneca Chapter Chief), John Sosnowski (Falling Waters Chapter Chief) and David Krull (Onondaga Chapter Chief). Please take a moment to congratulate our new Lodge Officers and introduce yourselves. I am sure they will be glad for any assistance that you can provide them. I am sure they will do a great job and learn a lot along the way. And for that they can thank their Advisors who will work tirelessly to ensure that the youth will be successful.

I really would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Lodge Dinner. We had an excellent turnout and a good time was had by all. The food was hot and plentiful. Boomball was a blast. There are tote washes planned, Conclave registration is upon us and we can't forget NOAC. Keep in mind now that the weather is breaking that it is time to register to attend our Spring Induction & Service Weekends. The specific info for these events is

on our web site. Thank you to everyone for attending and making our events successful. Our Lodge is the best because of its members.

It has been an great learning experience for me to serve as your Lodge Chief for the last two years. As a group we have accomplished much and there is more to do. Now is not the time to sit back. As your Lodge Chief I have learned valuable skills that will last me a lifetime, time management being one of them. It has also provided me with the opportunity to travel and meet with other OA brothers. I am aware that not everyone agreed with me or approved how I was doing things at all times. That is to be expected since we are not all the same, we all have different learning styles and life experiences. Each one of us brings a

unique perspective to the table and that diversity is what makes us so successful. Remember where one person sees a challenge another sees an opportunity. Mistakes are a fact of life. Someone shouldn't be condemned for eternity because of them. They are a learning experience that allows us to grow as a person or a group.

Remember the OA is and should always be a positive experience for everyone involved especially the youth as they are the future of the Lodge.

Frederick (Skippy) Briggs  
Lodge Chief

### Special points of interest:

- You can buy lodge flaps at all lodge events
- Section Conclave registration ends April 10th, so if you plan on going, you should register as soon as possible



## *A Word From Advisor of Onondaga*

Brothers,

'Tis springtime and with our very mild winter hopefully it will be a smooth transition between the seasons. Our spring service weekends will be here before you know it. Now is the time to check your calendars and get ready to get back to the great outdoors. As usual I will be out at the Falling Waters weekend on May 18th through 20th so I can get my hands

dirty with everyone and get some work done for our camps. I usually don't get to get as dirty as I like at our Onondaga weekend so I do like to make up for it elsewhere. You too can attend two weekends for a discounted price and have twice the fun and provide twice the service to our camps as they emerge from our winter season. Please look for the member registration sheets online or in the council office.

If you are an ordeal member since last spring or from many years ago you may convert to brotherhood and take your next step along in the journey of the OA. The Onondaga weekend will be June 15th through 17th, our usual Father's Day weekend. Members, you can encourage those who have been elected this year to attend their ordeal and support them by attending also. I do hope to see you all at one of

our many weekends this spring. See you at camp!

Larry Jones

## *A Word From the Nominations Chairman*

Brothers,

I would like to take this chance to mention several things to you. First off I would like to mention this year's Founders award recipient. I am very proud to congratulate Mr. Larry Jones on being

awarded the founders award for this year. Next I would like to mention that we are getting ready to enter vigil nominations season. This means that if there is anyone that you feel is worthy of the vigil, you need to write up a nomination form and get in to Mr.

Sullivan before the May LEC. There is a template for the nomination form online at the lodge website. Thanks for your support.

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Dan Tornow

## *Minutes From the NOAC Meeting*

1. Total payments amount due to GNFC by 3/30/2012 is \$450. Final payment amounts will be due by 6/1/2012 and will be based upon actual trip costs less payments made, fundraising participation credit. If you don't know how much you've paid to date, email [jjprowse@gmail.com](mailto:jjprowse@gmail.com)

2. Class schedules are expected to be open on 4/1/2012.

3. Complete your national registration on-line now.

You'll need to have this complete to sign up for classes.

4. Next Tote Wash to offset trip cost will be on 3/31/2012.

5. Medical forms are due to **Jamie** Prowse by 6/1/2012.

6. Photocopy of your government issued photocopy for border crossing should be brought to the next meeting which will be on 4/30/2012.

7. OA pocket flap and patch

designs, and contingent shirt design have been chosen.

8. Founders Day plans have been finalized.

# April 2012

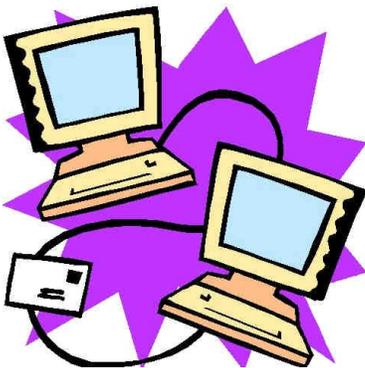
## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1)	2) LEC @ CSC	3)	4)	5)	6)	7)
8)	9)	10) FW Meeting	11)	12) ON Meeting	13)	14)
15)	16)	17)	18) SN Meeting	19)	20)	21)
22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27)	28)
29)	30)	31)				

- May 18-20: Spring Induction Weekend @ STH
- June 1-3: Section Conclave
- June 15-17: Spring Induction Weekend @ SCH, SSR
- July 31-August 4: NOAC
- LEC Meetings are the first Monday of every month, not including September and the Summer months

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

## A Word From The Communications Chairman



Fellow arrowmen,

For those who do not know, I am Sean Jones, the communications chairman for the lodge. As the communications chairman, I am responsible for putting out this fine publication for the lodge. However, this newsletter is only great if people write articles for it. As you can see, there are a few articles here, but there could always be more. The average newsletter has at least two more pages full of articles, so you should be considering what you would like to write

for the next newsletter.

I can understand if you feel that writing an article is a very difficult task, but you can write one in just a few minutes if you have an idea on what you want to talk about. Sure, you can sit around for a few hours trying to come up with something that people would want to read, but you can write about almost anything. As long as your article is informative, it's fine with me.

Usually, I only receive articles from some of the lodge officers. Everyone in

the lodge is encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter.

If you have any articles that you would like to submit or if you have any questions for me, you may go ahead and send them to me at [sij5183@gmail.com](mailto:sij5183@gmail.com).

Yours in brotherhood,  
Sean Jones  
Communications Chairman



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