

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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HRRVC CHAPTER 100

At our January 2009 meeting our President Carm Gizzi read to us an old copy of the chapter newsletter called **Smoke Signals**. We were very entertained to hear how our chapter was formed. Back in 1969 our sister chapter # 51 known as Tri Valley Chapter had over 300 members in that one chapter. From that chapter grew our chapter 100 as well as chapter 90, which is now at rest.

Chapter 100 received its Charter from HRRVC on May 28, 1969. This means that this year Chapter 100 will be celebrating its **40<sup>th</sup>** anniversary. We plan to celebrate at our first campout of the year in May at the Turning Stone RV resort. Ironically the Oneida Indian nation runs Turning Stone. Hopefully they wont mind the Mohawks celebrating there. We also plan to continue our celebration at this years New York State Rally June 5-6-7 2009.

As Carm continued to read us this interesting newsletter we learned that our Chapter 100 founders chose to have blue vests made with the Indian insignia that we still use today. In 2006 we purchased new aprons for our chapter and chose the color blue. Recently we looked into buying shirts for our Chapter and picked blue again. At the time we had no knowledge of this blue color and the history of our chapter. I can tell you one thing there will be no fringe of any type on our current apparel.

Something of interest in this old news article was “**The Vial of Life**”. This was a small plastic tube that has information on paper stored inside. This information is about any health problems the member may suffer from as well as meds taken by the member. It should also contain emergency contact numbers. This vial was stored in each member’s refrigerator in his or her HR unit. That way EMS personnel would have this info if needed at a Rally or any large event. This is a great idea and the Chapter is going to reinstate this practice among our members and spread the word to others.

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