NOAC 2012: United, We Leave A Legacy

by Neil Patrick Harris

After 25 hours on two trains, one bus, and a one mile hike to complete the trip from New Haven to Michigan State University, 37 members of Owaneco were ready for the greatest Scouting experience of their life. While traveling, Arrowmen socialized and kept busy. Some slept, some dancers beaded their outfit, some ceremonialists practiced lines, and others just chatted. Much to our dismay, when we arrived at MSU the final bus was nowhere in sight, so we made a decision to walk the final mile to the University. After being greeted by NOAC staff, we headed off to registration where we got information about housing, scheduling of dance and ceremony evaluations; and had the opportunity to sign up for the Brotherhood Band and Chorus or the Arrowman Press Corps. After some free time which we used to explore the campus, and what NOAC has to offer, we headed to the Section Gathering.

At the Gathering, there were prizes, pizza, an awesome patch, and great fellowship. Tuesday began the first day of training in the morning and competitions were in the afternoon. Training cells included lodge communications, American Indian Affairs, unit elections, and countless more. Whatever your interest, there was a training cell you could attend. The first ceremony evaluations were in the afternoon, and the elimination rounds of the tug-of-war games, which ended with Owaneco as National Champions! The Distinguished Service Awards awards were presented at the evening show.

Wednesday was the first Frisbee team competition where we made it to the final eight, and the grass dancer’s competition. The evening show was NESA@NOAC. The show consisted of 5 successful Eagle Scouts who talked about how Scouting has helped them through their lives.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

I hope you are making the best of your summer! I would first like to recognize the great progress and success that is due to the work of outgoing Lodge Chief, Nick Wolf and Lodge Adviser, Mr. Bob Cloutier. Without their dedication our lodge would not be on track as it is now. Are you looking forward to an exciting year of lodge activities and events? There will be plenty of chances for you to become active with the lodge and make the most of your membership from OA Day at Camp Sequassen to the September Ordeal and the Fall Fellowship; I can guarantee that each one of you will find something enjoyable and satisfying in the OA whether it’s cheerful service, or great food and games. One other thing: this is the first year that Owaneco Lodge will be participating in the newly instated Journey to Excellence program, and I am here to help the lodge succeed however I can. Together, let’s try as hard as we can to improve our membership, induction rates, and Brotherhood conversion. That means, if you want to earn your Brotherhood you can come and do it at the September Ordeal for free!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting you at an Owaneco event sometime soon!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jesse Morrow
Lodge Chief

September
14-16: September Ordeal at Camp Pomperaug
24: Executive Committee Meeting at Council Office

October
5-6: Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) at Hoyt Scout Reservation
22: Executive Committee Meeting at Council Office
26-28: Fall Fellowship at Deer Lake Scout Reservation

November
2-4: NLS/NLATS in Haymarket, Virginia
26: Executive Committee Meeting at Council Office

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Lodge Members Awarded with DSA

Owaneco Lodge is proud to be the home of two new recipients of the Order of the Arrow’s Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Mike Card and Bill Chin were recently presented with this prestigious award at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) held at Michigan State University. Both recipients have been active and recognizable faces in the lodge since its founding in 1998.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented every two to three years during the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This year, a total of 69 Arrowmen from across the country were awarded with the honor and only 908 Arrowmen have been awarded the DSA since 1940.

Beyond their extensive involvement in Owaneco Lodge, Mike and Bill have contributed service on the national level for many years.

Mike has served as the Project Lead for the OA LodgeMaster program since 2008 and serves on the Communications and Technology National Subcommittee. He has served on the staff at four previous NOACs and the 2011 Indian Summer. “LodgeMaster has made a difference to countless membership committees and Arrowman across the country, making the job of managing membership data much simpler, and it has

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Final Farewell and Thank you

by Nick Wolf

It has truly been an honor serving as your Lodge Chief for the past year. I wanted to thank all my Vice-Chiefs, Chairmen, Chapter Chiefs & their advisers as well as my Adviser Mr. Cloutier and the lodge’s Staff Advisers Mr. Landi & Mrs. Hemmings for contributing to such a great and successful year. I wanted to point out some key successes during the last year. First of all, we had an increase in candidate numbers at the September Ordeal at Camp Pomperaug; making it the largest Owaneco Ordeal held at Camp Pomperaug in history. In the fall, we successfully completed our ongoing TABS campaign and donated an estimated 100 lbs of soda can tabs to the Masonic Tabs for Tots program. In early winter we approved a new Quality Arrowmen/Arowmen of Excellence award to get more involvement by both youth and adults in the lodge. At our May Ordeal we shattered the old highest candidate record count, which was 63 and got an outstanding 91 candidates for the May Ordeal. Similar to what happened at Camp Pomperaug in September; May was the largest Ordeal held at Deer Lake in Owaneco history.

The lodge also participated at ConnJam 2012 where over 125 arrowmen helped out running an Indian Village, Trade-O-Ree, and acted as the Service Corps. Thanks again for such a wonderful and successful year and I wish the best of luck to the new lodge officers and advisers for 2012-2013.

Nick Wolf was the 2011-2012 Owaneco Lodge Chief

L-R: Chairman of the national Order of the Arrow committee Ray Capp, Mike Card, national Order of the Arrow committee Vice Chairman for Recognition, Awards, History, and Preservation Michael Tompson, and Presenter Craig Salazar (national Order of the Arrow committee Vice Chairman for Communications and Technology) (Photo: Elsie Hemmings)

L-R: Chairman of the national Order of the Arrow committee Ray Capp, Bill Chin, national Order of the Arrow committee Vice Chairman for Recognition, Awards, History, and Preservation Michael Tompson, and Presenter Patrick Sullivan (DSA 1996; Tankiteke Lodge 313) (Photo: Bob Brown)
A World Wide Weekend in Our Backyard!

by Neil Patrick Harris

On the weekend of June 8-10, Arrowmen from Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts joined together for the newly reorganized Section NE-2A’s first Conclave. The theme was ‘world wide weekend’ and was hosted at the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen, Connecticut home of Housatonic Council, Paugassett Lodge. What is conclave you may ask? Think of a lodge fellowship and LLD but with the six lodges from across the section. Members from all six lodges in the Section enjoyed the weekend while meeting people from different areas, discussing new ideas, and having fun!

Attendees ventured around the camp Saturday morning to receive training on topics ranging from Journey to Excellence to servant leadership and even patch trading! By the afternoon, a team of Arrowmen from each lodge were racing to through various events that were part of the first Section Megathon! The relay race had stations across camp that included athletic events and teamed races. The Megathon kicked off the opening of each activity area. In addition, Arrowmen enjoyed patch trading, mini sash beading, lacrosse, and the wizarding sport of Quidditch from Harry Potter. The evening culminated with a “Lodge Feud” game show hosted by Lodge Chief Nick Wolf. Each lodge participated in the show. Some commented afterwards that “it was one of the best parts of the weekend.” According to Erik Bernier, Pocumtuc Vice Chief, “Conclave 2012 was an exciting and illuminating experience."

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Living the Adventure: ConnJam 2012

by Max Fanwick

After many long planning sessions, the event was spectacular. Cub Scouts smiled at the Venturing luau and Scouts forged new friendships from other troops. I had the honor to serve as the Service Coordinator for ConnJam, which really meant I was told where people were needed and dispatched brothers to assist. Thanks to the overwhelming support from the lodge, my problem throughout the day was having too much help, at times I had to ask Arrowmen to come back later. It all was depicted perfectly in the final hours of the day when from top of the scaffold directions were given to brothers on where to sit troops and the metaphorical canvas was then painted so beautifully. Additionally, members of our dance team, the Quinnipiarc Dancers, hosted a phenomenal Indian Village that was attended by many participants. Many Scouts and Scouters had a blast visiting the Trade-O-Ree that was held in the gym; the amount of patches that came through was amazing!

While Mother Nature did not cooperate with us, she did give Scouts the opportunity to show they were prepared and they rose to the occasion. The theme “Living the Adventure” became quite real when a micro burst (a pocket of high pressure air) raced through the fairgrounds damaging one of the huge banquet tents and injuring 10 people. Arrowmen were quick to spring into action and help wherever needed without being asked.

I know I can’t, and the rest of the ConnJam committee can’t thank the Order enough for taking the time from their day to cheerfully serve others in making a spectacular event. I would like to thank Arrowman Mike Card for serving as the ConnJam Chairman, all the Arrowmen that assisted, and Mr. Bob Mazzuca, the Chief Scout Executive for attending.
The Lodge will hold its new member induction weekend from September 14-16 at Camp Pomperaug in Union, CT. Members are encouraged to come and join us for a weekend of fellowship and service to the camp. Support the Ordeal candidates by signing up to be an Elangomat or helping with the Ordeal. Additionally, those who have been Ordeal members for at least 10 months are eligible to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. Come and enjoy Brotherhood, cheerful, service and enjoy the amazing food at Owane-co’s final Ordeal of 2012!

Owaneco Lodge will be hosting its annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) weekend from October 5-6 at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding, CT. LLD is a series of training sessions designed to teach Arrowmen about Lodge operations and furthering training in areas of the lodge such as leadership development, ceremonies, and lodge/chapter management. This year’s LLD will also offer continued education on the Journey to Excellence program, the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America’s program recognizing Lodge performance.

The 2012 Fall Fellowship will be at Deer Lake Scout Reservation from October 26-28. The Fall Fellowship is one of the most exciting events the Lodge hosts each year; it is packed with games, service, and lots of food. This year’s theme is Harry Potter and Order of the Arrow. Past themes have included a Luau and Monty Python Weekend, so a great weekend is definitely in order! Be sure to come for an awesome weekend filled with lots of food, fun and fellowship! This is one event you don’t want to miss!

You can register online at: www.owaneco.org/register. The registration fees are: $15 for the Ordeal, the LLD is free, and $30 for the Fall Fellowship. If you are interested in serving as an Elangomat at the Ordeal, please contact Morgan McMahon, McMahon@owaneco.org. If you have questions about the LLD, please contact Training Chairman Sean Nulty, nulty@owaneco.org. For questions about the Fall Fellowship or any of the events listed, please contact Vice Chief of Program Jason Van Leeuwen, vanleeuwen@owaneco.org.
On Sunday morning section elections took place. Our Section Officers for 2012-2013 are:

- Chief: Tom Donlon, Tschitani Lodge/Connecticut Rivers Council (second term).
- Vice Chief: Mitchell Heisler, Pocumtuc Lodge/Western Massachusetts Council.
- Secretary: Neil Patrick Harris, Owaneco Lodge/Connecticut Yankee Council (second term).

Conclave is the culmination of a year of hard work by the Council of Chiefs. Half Moon’s former Lodge Chief Anthony Stoico praised Paugassett Lodge by saying, “Conclave was an amazing experience this year! [They] put their best foot forward and hosted a weekend filled with excitement!”

Do you want to go to Conclave 2013? The weekend will take place June 7-9 at Camp Tri Mount, home of Half Moon Lodge and Rip Van Winkle Council. Anthony had this to say about Conclave 2013, “You’re [going to] need to bring a helmet so it doesn’t make a mess when [it] blows your mind!”

Neil Patrick Harris is serving his second term as the Section NE-2A Secretary

Working on Your Eagle Project?
Lowe’s Home Improvement Can Help!

The road to the rank of Eagle Scout is hard and sometimes requires a little assistance, especially in the planning stages of your Eagle Scout Service Project. The Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation understands that and wants to help. The Foundation has made a generous contribution to make it possible for local councils, like Connecticut Yankee, to distribute $100 prepaid gift cards that can be used toward the project.

All you have to do is be a registered Life Scout, ensure that your Eagle Scout Service Project has all the approvals prior to beginning the work, and use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to document the results of the service project. It is important to document by writing down what happens and take photographs before, during, and after the project. To receive the grant, you must make all photographs and documentation available to the Boy Scouts to share with Lowes. If you are interested, contact your District Executive to apply for the grant!

Project 2013: Order of the Arrow @ Jamboree

Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps. All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the Jamboree site. This will be the largest service corps contingent in history and the Order is looking for the best Arrowmen in the organization to join Project 2013. The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is July 15 - 24, 2013. Interested? Visit owaneco.org/project2013

New Lodge Leadership Elected

The June Ordeal brought new change to Owaneco Lodge. Saturday, June 2nd the voting youth of the lodge held elections for new youth officers. Congratulations to the following brothers elected to office:

- Lodge Chief: Jesse Morrow, Achewon Chapter
- V.C. of Chapter Operations: Neil Patrick Harris, Keewayden Chapter
- V.C. of Program: Jason Van Leeuwen, Keewayden Chapter
- V.C. of Inductions: Dan Wivagg, Arcoon Chapter
- V.C. of Finance: Sam Guerra, Keewayden Chapter
- V.C. of Administration: Justin Schimmel, Keewayden Chapter

The June Ordeal marked the end of Mr. Bob Cloutier’s term as Lodge Adviser. Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. Lou Salute appointed Mr. Lloyd Gallup of Arcoon Chapter as the new Lodge Adviser.

After the Ordeal, the following Associate Lodge Advisers were appointed by Mr. Gallup: Mr. Will Ference will continue to serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Program. Mrs. Carolyn Jagielski will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Chapter Operations. Mr. Bruce Bowlus will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Inductions. Mr. Michael Card will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Finance and Mr. Robert Anstett will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Administration.
Thursday night was the Reunion of the Regions and the Grand Hodag as well as the AIA/ICE Night of Champions (AIA is American Indian Affairs and ICE is Inductions Ceremonial Events). Our very own Alex Jagielski placed 3rd in the Fancy Dance Competition.

Friday was a day of festivities with the Goodman Open and Founder’s Day. In the afternoon, all of the lodges set up booths and handed out items from back home and specialties of their lodge. The show Friday night highlighted the underlying theme of NOAC, (not United, We Leave a Legacy) but the Human Sacrifice (as the show was named). The characters discussed how everyone makes sacrifices to do what they enjoy. After the show all 8,000 participants and Staff sang to pop songs that are popular with lodges from across the country.

Saturday began the trek home. The first stop was the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, including a stop at the Ford Rouge plant where we saw an operating truck plan and how trucks were made. Sadly, the AAA baseball game in Toledo was cut short due to weather, but we were probably the last ones out since we were having so much fun. We boarded the train from DC to New York, but, due to weather and construction our train was sent from Queens to Penn Station at around 9pm Sunday. In the end, we boarded around 2am Monday and arrived in New Haven at 3:30am. No one will forget their trip to NOAC 2012, but everyone will remember that United, We Leave a Legacy!

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been a pleasure serving on and leading the team” said Mike. “We continue to improve the project every year, with a team of developers and support staff spread throughout the country working together to help all 295 Order of the Arrow lodges.”

Bill currently serves on the Unit, Chapter, and Lodge Support National Subcommittee where he works with the Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) committee. He has held several lead adviser roles on the ICE staff at NOACs and Indian Summer since 2000. Most recently, he was the Lead Coordinator for the 2012 revision to the Guide to Inductions. As a youth, he was a Section Vice Chief and is currently the Section Adviser for NE-2A. “I was a ceremonialist as a youth, so working on the ICE committee is a great experience,” said Bill. Over the past few years, we have reviewed, changed, and created new policies, worked on some new projects, and we have made some important decisions. It’s pretty neat knowing that your work will impact lodges and Arrowmen all across the country.”

Mike and Bill have been close friends since their time as scouts in Troop 68 in Trumbull. “It was great to share the experience with Mike,” said Bill, “We have shared so many memories in Scouting, going back to our days as scouts.” Mike agreed and said, “Bill has been there since the beginning when I joined the troop. It has been a great journey.”

Lodge Chief Jesse Morrow commented, “Owaneco Lodge is proud of everything that Mike and Bill have done for the lodge and the Order or the Arrow, and we congratulate them for their achievement!”

OA Day at Camp Sequassen

Congratulations to the over 30 brothers who sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow as Brotherhood members at resident camp at Camp Sequassen. The staff at the Camp, lead by Jesse Morrow and Liam Raftery, performed 7 Brotherhood ceremonies and lead multiple service projects and ice cream socials. The lodge would like to thank Jesse, Liam, and the Camp Sequassen Staff for their assistance.

Boots & Suits Gala 2012

On November 18, 2012 Connecticut Yankee Council will host the 2nd annual Boots & Suits Gala at the Waterview in Monroe. The dinner is an evening of fellowship and festivities including dinner, auctions, and dancing. If you are interested in attending or assisting with the Gala, contact Staff Adviser Mrs. Elsie Hemmings at hemmings@owaneco.org
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