



# THE OWANECO OBSERVER

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## OUR NEW LODGE LEADERS

**C**ongratulations to the new leaders of Owaneco Lodge! Six of our Lodge's best Scouts were chosen at the June Ordeal to lead the Owaneco through the next year. Please read on to find out more about the new chief and vice chiefs.

Robert Kravecs, also called "Bob" or "Lenny", was elected to the position of Lodge Chief. A vigil member and Eagle Scout from Troop 65, Bob has served in Lodge offices since the inception of Owaneco Lodge, serving twice as Vice Chief of Inductions and once as Vice Chief of Program. Bob, who is known for his ability to work out problems and his great sense of humor, has already begun working on plans for the year.

Bill Cummings, a member of Troop 490 in Madison, was elected to the position of Vice Chief of Chapter Operations, a position he will be holding for the second year. Bill, also a vigil member, has big plans for improving chapter involvement and the troop



**Above: Our new Lodge Chief is awarded an honor medal for taking part in a Pre-Ordeal ceremony competition at the 2000 NOAC.**

representative program.

Jeremy Meurice, a member of Troop 608 in Hamden, is new to Lodge leadership. He served as Brotherhood Chairman for the past year, increasing Brotherhood conversion significantly. He will be faced with the task of overseeing all of the Lodge's activities as Vice Chief of Program.

Tyler White, a member of Troop 43 in Meriden, is also new to Lodge leadership. Tyler served as Chapter Chief last year, and now has the task of improving unit elections and brotherhood.

All of these leaders will work hard to improve Owaneco Lodge. Please contact them with any suggestions or questions that you have.

## OWANECO LODGE LISTSERV: JOIN TODAY

**A**re you looking for a new way to find out about the Lodge and upcoming events? Well, if you are, join the Owaneco Lodge Listserv today.

A Listserv is an email list that allows all members to

receive email announcements and hold email discussion. The Owaneco Lodge Listserv is known as *Owaneco-L*.

All members that have email are encouraged to subscribe: it is just another way to stay informed. To subscribe send an email to:

LISTSERV@BESTEFFORT.COM

with no subject line and the following in the message:

SUB OWANECO-L Your Name

Copy exactly, adding in your own name, and you'll get an answer right back.

# A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

**B**efore continuing, I would like to thank you for choosing me to be your Lodge Chief for the upcoming year. May it be my steadfast purpose to serve you, our Lodge, and the Order of the

Arrow to the best of my ability.

The upcoming year is full of potential - potential that could greatly improve our Lodge. We have to act on this potential to fulfill our goals for the year. Our lodge is full of young Ordeal members who are great Scouts and can be great Arrowmen.

The key to success is participation. I urge each of you to attend Chapter meetings and Lodge events. We have 2 upcoming Ordeals in the Fall - one in September and one in October. Make an effort to attend at least one of these Ordeals and serve both our camps and our

Lodge. I also urge you to become involved in either a Lodge or Chapter committee. Each committee needs new members to fill many different positions and continue the strong traditions of the Order of the Arrow.

My Brothers, it is my sincere hope that you will take my advice to heart. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming activities. Until then, be sure to live the Scout Oath, live the Obligation, and always remember to "Catch the Higher Vision."

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Bob Kravecs  
Lodge Chief



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## 2001 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Every four years, Scouts from across the country and across the world converge on Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia for the National Jamboree. This year, over six hundred Scouts from Connecticut Yankee Council, Greenwich Council, and Westchester Putnam Council along with over forty international Scouts will travel with our contingent to the Jamboree.

The theme of this year's

Jamboree is *Strong Values-Strong Leaders* and it promises to be an amazing trip for all. Participants can take part in over ten action centers, several outback centers, dozens of exhibits, and many other events. Patch trading is still another favorite pastime at the Jamboree. Of course there will also be two arena shows at this Jamboree, and they will be better than ever.

The Order of the Arrow plays a vital role in making the Jamboree possible. Arrowmen staff many of the events, and the OA runs two events of its own: The American Indian Village and Scoutopia, an interactive show produced by Order of the Arrow. Part entertainment and part education, the air-conditioned show is a big hit. Be sure to check it out.

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## YOUR OWANECO LODGE LEADERS

Lodge Chief	Bob Kravecs
Vice Chief—Chapters	Bill Cummings
Vice Chief—Program	Jeremy Meurice
Vice Chief—Inductions	Tyler White
Lodge Treasurer	Tom Gordon
Lodge Secretary	Michael Katona
Lodge Advisor	Mr. Ralph Deer

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*"Catch The Higher  
Vision In The Order  
Of The Arrow."*

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# ORDER OF THE ARROW TROOP/ TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

"The Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative will be a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his unit. In his unit, he will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders, and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge, purpose of the Order, and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit."

This excerpt was from the 1999 OA National Leader-

ship Summit. Owaneco Lodge is presently implementing the representative system, and the lodge needs every unit to participate.

The Troop OA Representative answers to the their ASPL and their chapter's vice chief of Program. They will be informed of events by the chapter vice chief and will relay information to troop OA members. They must attend chapter meetings to stay informed.

By the end of the year, the Lodge would like to have a representative in place in each troop that has mem-



The Troop / Team Representative receives the above patch.

bers. The program will provide a strong communication link between the Lodge leadership and Lodge members and is very important. Talk to your Scoutmasters, and get your unit involved.

## THE UPCOMING LLDC

The most important event for leaders in Owaneco Lodge is the Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC). The conference teaches many important skills that allow leaders to complete their jobs successfully. This year the conference will take place on the 22nd of September at the Milford Scout Office from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

All lodge leaders, chapter

leaders, and all committee chairman are required to attend the event. All other lodge members are encouraged to attend. The conference is a great way to become involved in lodge activities and learn more about the order. The day is filled with many fun sessions and discussions. A vital part of the program is the brainstorming sessions on ways to improve lodge pro-

gram. The sessions focus on chapters, different committees which need improvement, leadership skills, and much more. The day concludes with an interactive game. All meals for the day are provided, including a continental breakfast, snacks, lunch, and a pizza dinner.

Please make an effort to attend this great event and become involved in the lodge.

## OWANECO LODGE CALENDAR

### Lodge Meetings

#### August ECM:

- August 27th – 7:30 PM
- Milford Scout Office

#### September ECM:

- September 17th – 7:30 PM
- Milford Scout Office

#### LLDC:

- September 22nd – 9 AM To 6 PM
- Milford Scout Office

### Other OA Events

#### Section NE-2C Conclave:

- September 7th To 9th
- Camp Alpine – Alpine, NJ

#### September Ordeal:

- September 14th To 16th
- Camp Sequassen – Winsted, CT

#### October Ordeal:

- October 5th To 7th
- Deer Lake – Killingworth, CT



*Let Brotherhood,*

*Like The Bowstring*

*Bind Us Each To  
Every Other,*

*Closer When The Bow  
Is Tested.*





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# 2001 LODGE GOALS

**F**or new Lodge Chief Bob Kravecs the first task was to create a list of goals he had for the lodge for the upcoming year. Bob created nine goals centered around the theme for the year.

1. Theme For Year: "Catch the Higher Vision"
  - a. Focus on the Higher Vision instead of your own personal interest.
  - b. The Executive Committee should work towards one goal - to improve the Lodge.
2. Increase Active Membership:
  - a. Run quality Lodge events with high participation.
  - b. Involve Chapters with Lodge program.
  - c. Promote Lodge events through publications.
3. Chapters:
  - a. Improve Chapter program.
  - b. Improve Chapter Committees.
4. Publications
  - a. Publish a minimum of 4 Lodge Newsletters.
  - b. Include articles in the *Scouter*, the official publication of the Connecticut Yankee Council.
5. Unit Elections:
  - a. Conduct unit elections in all units wishing to have them.
  - b. Complete all elections before the month of April.
6. Brotherhood:
  - a. Improve the Brotherhood Induction Process.
  - b. Implement "Your Journey to Brotherhood" session.
  - c. Induct at least 30% of eligible Ordeal members into the Brotherhood.
7. Camping Promotions:
  - a. Publish a "Where to Go Camping" booklet.
  - b. Distribute the booklets to all units in the Council.
8. Attain National Quality Lodge Status for 2001.
9. Send the largest youth contingent in Lodge history to the 2002 National Order of the

# NEW LODGE BUDGET

**O**ne of the first tasks of new Lodge treasurer Tom Gordon was to begin formulating a lodge budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The budget was revealed at the June Executive Committee Meeting and will be revised at the next ECM in August.

To allow all Lodge members to provide input on the use of lodge money, the proposed budget is included below. If you any suggestions or additions that you think should be included in the budget, please call Tom at [redacted]. A final draft will be included in the next edition of the Observer and the budget will be decided in November.

INCOME CATEGORIES	
<b>Dance Team</b>	3,000.00
<b>Dues</b>	
New Members (Expected: 250)	1,750.00
Re-Registration (Expected: 600)	4,200.00
Total Dues	5,950.00
<b>Trade-O-Ree</b>	100.00
<b>Trading Post</b>	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME CATEGORIES</b>	<u>15,050.00</u>
EXPENSE CATEGORIES	
<b>Awards</b>	250.00
<b>Chapters</b>	
Achewon	350.00
Arcoon	350.00
Chief Pomperaug	350.00
Keeawayden	350.00
Powahay	350.00
Scatacook	350.00
Total Chapters	2,100.00
<b>Charter Fees</b>	1,800.00
<b>Committees</b>	
ASK	150.00
Brotherhood	150.00
Camp Promotions	200.00
Ceremonial Team	400.00
Color Guard	100.00
Dance Team	3,000.00
Elongomat	500.00
Events	100.00
Finance	100.00
Publications	2,800.00
Service	300.00
Unit Elections	100.00
Vigil	1,040.00
Total Committees	8,940.00
<b>Donations</b>	850.00
<b>Lodge Training</b>	700.00
<b>Officer Supplies</b>	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES</b>	<u>14,740.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>310.00</u>

