



THE OWANECO OBSERVER

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SEPT. 11TH REMEMBERED

It was something the world thought could never happen. Whether in school, at work or at home, everyone's attention was grabbed by the shocking events that took place in New York City and Washington D.C. The Twin Towers gone and part of the Pentagon destroyed, the world once again looked toward the future. The horrible events of September 11th have caused the world to come together and provide help to those hurt by the horrible destruction. Everywhere, someone was collecting needed materials or organizing funds for those who lost someone.

In response to the horrible events of September 11th, Owaneco Lodge has decided to step up and raise money to be donated to the Sept. 11th Fund. In order to do this, it was the decision of the executive lodge leaders to create a patch in memory of the event. It was decided that two different patches would be created: a red-bordered



Above: In remembrance of the events of September 11th, Owaneco Lodge has issued this patch to raise money for the Sept. 11th Fund.

fundraiser patch and a silver-bordered limited edition fundraiser of which there would be only 100 made.

Members were able to preorder the patches at the October Ordeal, and all of the limited silver-border patches were sold out, and almost half of the red-bordered patches were also sold. You still have a chance to order the red-

bordered patches, though. If you have not already ordered any patches, you can order up to five red-bordered patches at five dollars each. Send a check made out to *Owaneco Lodge #313, BSA* to:

Owaneco Lodge #313
c/o John Glassman
P.O. Box 32
60 Wellington Road
Milford, CT 06460

OWANECO LODGE LISTSERV: JOIN TODAY

Are 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

Congratulations to all new members of Owaneco Lodge. I would also like to congratulate everyone who fulfilled their membership in the order by partaking in the Brotherhood. Most impor-

tantly, my warmest congratulations to the thirteen new members of the Vigil Honor. These members have worked hard to improve the lodge program and they have earned this high honor. Congratulations to everyone!



Brotherhood Of Cheerful Service

With the great success of this year's ordeals, it is time to look forward to upcoming lodge events. Be sure to read about the winter banquet on page four and send in the enclosed registration form. Also, please read the enclosed information about the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference and think about

attending. Lastly, please read the article on page three about the Connecticut Fellowship next year. This is a new idea and we need everyone's help to get the event off the ground. Please call me at [redacted] if you can provide any help.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Winter Banquet and I would like to wish each and everyone one of you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year. Until then, always to live the Obligation and remember to "Catch the Higher Vision."

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Bob Kravecs
Lodge Chief

UPCOMING 2002 UNIT ELECTIONS

As Christmas nears, it is once again time to start the yearly unit elections campaign. The Vice Chief of Inductions in each chapter is working right now to schedule an election for each unit. Unit elections is a daunting task each year, and to make the process a little easier for each chapter, there are a couple of things everyone can do.

If you are a Scoutmaster,

please be sure to promptly reply when you are contacted by the Vice Chief of Induction. Otherwise, please urge your Scoutmaster to contact your chapter and schedule a unit election as soon as possible. Elections will be taking place from January 10th until April 15th of the upcoming year.

The other vital part of unit elections is putting together teams to visit each of

the troops for the election. Each chapter needs to put together three teams of two Scouts and an adult leader. The lodge needs you to step up and become a member of a unit elections team. If you would like more information or to volunteer, call Mark Carpenter at [redacted].

To make this years elections a success, the lodge needs your help!

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

*"Awake my friends, you
now are starting on a
long and toilsome
journey..."*

NATIONAL OA CONFERENCE 2002

If you enjoy participating in lodge events and you are looking to become more active in the Order and a leader in the lodge, NOAC is for you. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) takes place every two years at different college campuses across the country. This coming year, NOAC will be taking place at Indiana University.

NOAC has something to offer for everyone. Everyone is encouraged to take part in training classes throughout the morning to become a stronger leader and learn more about the order. The afternoons are filled with competitions, sports events, and other fun activities. One



Above: The fundraiser patch for NOAC 2002, which will be available at the winter banquet.

day, Founder's Day, is devoted to fun inter-lodge activities, including a lodge midway. Each night the OA Shows Staff puts on a stunning show with special effects and great music. Being on a college campus, attendants are able to use almost

all university facilities.

Owaneco Lodge also ties in a pre-trip before NOAC, including a Indians baseball game and a trip to a great theme park.

If you are interested, read the enclosed information and sign up today, space is limited!

THE CONNECTICUT FELLOWSHIP

Next year, Owaneco Lodge will be participating in the first ever Connecticut Fellowship. The event is being run in conjunction with the other three Connecticut Lodges at Camp Workcoeman near Camp Sequassen. The event will take place on the last weekend in April, and Owaneco Lodge will be serving as the Service Lodge for the event.

In order to provide the necessary programming for the event, preparation is already underway. Lodge leaders will be meeting with leaders of the other Connecticut lodges over the next few weeks to decide the schedule and budget for the event. There will probably be training and service throughout the day along with many different fun activities and a great

show in the evening. The event promises to be a great time for all.

In order to make the event possible, the lodge is going to need a large number of staff members to run the different events throughout the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering as staff for the event, please call the Bob Kravecs at and you'll be contacted soon.



Let Brotherhood,

Like The Bowstring,

*Bind Us Each To
Every Other,*

*Closer When The Bow
Is Tested.*



OWANECO LODGE CALENDAR

Executive Committee Meetings

December ECM:

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

January ECM:

- January 21st – 7:30 PM
- Milford Scout Office

February ECM:

- February 18th – 7:30 PM
- Milford Scout Office

Other Lodge Events

Winter Banquet:

- December 27th - 6:30 Until 9:30
- Liedles's Restaurant – Stratford
- See Registration Form For Directions

Unit Elections:

- January 10th Until April 15th
- Call Mark Carpenter At For More Information

OCTOBER ORDEAL A HUGE SUCCESS

As the last ordeal of the year, the October Ordeal turned out to be a huge success. Though only a small number of candidates turned out, a large number of members arrived to ensure that all of the work got done. Trails were re-worked, the waterfront was cleaned up for the winter, and wood was chopped and stocked at all of the cabins. Not any ordinary ordeal, October had a number of other special events.

First, the lodge had a special guest for the weekend: Gil Rogers, the NE-2B Section Chief. Gil shared ideas and lots of good stories with members throughout the weekend and like any good



Above: Lodge members work on recreating the legend of the Order at the ceremony's ring at Deer Lake.

Arrowman, you could find Gil working throughout the day on Saturday and even helped with the ceremonies during the evening and night. The lodge extends its warmest thanks to Gil for visiting for

the weekend.

Second, a number of lodge members spent Saturday afternoon restoring the rock paintings at the Ordeal ring. The legend of the Order, which had been painted on the rock fifty years ago, was cleaned and re-painted. The project greatly improved the site.

Lastly, congratulations to Rob Emerson, Michael Golrick, Rob Anstett, and Michael DiMeglio on gaining the Vigil Honor during the ordeal.

The Ordeal Staff, including Mark Carpenter and Rob Anstett, provided a great ordeal for everyone in attendance.

THE 2001 LODGE WINTER BANQUET

After all the presents are opened, the dinners have been devoured, and the boredom of Christmas Vacation is setting in, there is hope. The 2001 Winter Banquet is here! The banquet promises to be the best yet, so be sure to attend!

The banquet will take place on December 27th from 6:30 until 9:30 at Liedle's Restaurant in Stratford. Registration and an opening reception will take place from 6:30 until 7:30. Appetizers will be served. From 7:30 until 8:30, a full course meal will be served, including salad and bread, pasta and meatballs, chicken, rice, vegetables, and dessert. After the banquet will the annual Lodge Business



Above: The patch from last year's winter banquet.

Meeting. If you cannot attend dinner, and would still like to come to the business meeting, try to arrive around 8:30. The meeting will last for no more than an hour, and will consist of voting on a number of proposed by-law revisions and a number of special pres-

entations. There will also be announcements about a number of upcoming lodge events, including NOAC.

The evening will also be filled with a number of other fun events, including door prize drawings throughout the evening and a holiday trivia contest.

This is the only lodge event until next May, so be sure to attend. Send in the enclosed registration form by December 20th or register at the door. It is only twenty dollars for the whole evening.

Also be sure to send in your dues and re-registration form with your winter banquet registration. Have a great holiday season!

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

