A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

As our lodge's fifth year continues, it is amazing how great Owaneco Lodge has become. I invite each of you to take part in this success and join me and the entire executive committee in continuing to make this the best year in Owaneco to date.

Last October, we had a record attendance at the LLDC. Now more of our brothers will be able to lead this lodge when my generation of leaders moves on. Also, last year's Fall Fellowship was our best ever, as we honored the great films of Mel Brooks. We even obtained Honor Lodge for the first time in Owaneco History.

But let us not let this past year be one of a kind. We must work hard every year, so that Honor Lodge is never a difficult goal to obtain, but one that we can earn with ease. Because of this, I ask you, my fellow Arrowmen, to continue your service to the Order and help the Lodge obtain Honor status again.

So many opportunities exist for you to become involved. Join one of the Lodge's sixteen operating committees, become involved in planning for lodge and chapter events, or simply voice your opinion at a chapter meeting. Each and every member of the lodge is invited to attend the lodge's Executive Committee Meetings and find an opportunity to help out. Also please consider volunteering to help the lodge run the 2003 Section NE-2C Conclave, or just come to have a fun time. If you and 99 Owaneco members attend the Conclave this September, you will help to make this weekend a success.

You have four opportunities to continue in the tradition of cheerful service over the upcoming year, and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you. If you are a new member, remember good food and good talk are only some of the perks of attending. Please see the article below on the Section Conclave and register today!

I look forward to seeing all of you during the upcoming year. Until then, remember "For He Who Serves His Fellow Is, Of All His Fellows, Greatest."

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Robert Kravecs, III
Lodge Chief

LODGE IS HONORED

Owaneco Lodge #313 is pleased to announce that it will be the host lodge of this year's NE-2C Section Conclave at Camp Sequassen on September 5—7. Come and join the fun as we present this year's theme, "Lights, Camera, CONCLAVE!"

The Conclave Planning Committee has been working diligently since November to make this year's Conclave a memorable one. Highlights of the weekend will include a dunk tank, an Indian Pow-Wow, and the Saturday Night Show. This year's show is promising to be the greatest ever, with a special appearance by our own "David Arrowman" along with a live band!

But we need your help to make this event better than it already is. All we ask is that you attend. If 100 Owaneco members are present at the Conclave, the weekend will be unforgettable.

So come on! Don't miss out on an exciting chance to further your understanding of the WWW through this Conclave.

Indian Summer 2003

This summer, Native American Activity and ceremony enthusiasts will gather for the 2003 Indian Summer Conference to be held at Ridgecrest Lifeway Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. Owaneco Lodge will have a contingent in attendance as well as members on staff. There are still a few slots open in the Lodge contingent. Anybody who is interested in attending should call Dr. Bob Kravecs at (203)-459-0939, or e-mail him at drbob@owaneco.org as soon as possible.
**New Committees**

**Awards Committee Looking For YOUR Input!!**

The Awards and Recognition Committee was officially formed at this past Winter Banquet. However, for this committee to work properly, we need the help of you, the arrowmen. In addition to arranging for National awards, the committee is looking into creating In-Lodge awards that would go to deserving arrowmen. We need more committee members to help create and implement these awards. If you are interested in joining the committee or have an idea, please contact Chairman Brian Golrick at: Golrick@owaneco.org.

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**The Cheerful Service of ScoutReach**

Would you like to make a difference in a Scout’s life? Would you like to be a role model? OR are you just really bored and want something meaningful to do? Why not consider becoming an OA ScoutReach Mentor?

By signing up to be an OA ScoutReach Mentor you will have an opportunity to work with troops in the Scoutreach district to give them a better scouting experience and even help out the lodge as well.

Our goals are:
- To act as a positive role model in the midst of dramatic social, political, economical, and demographic forces affecting urban and rural communities.
- To increase advancement and camping opportunities for Scouts in Urban troops.
- To provide additional, positive youth and adult roles in disadvantaged troops.
- AND to create an opportunity for more urban and rural scouts to become eligible for the Order of the Arrow.

You will be working directly with the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster for the designated Pack or Troop. You will NOT be taking the troop over. For any additional information on the program or about the recognition award please call: Jonathan Walsh at 876-6868 ext. 505 (work) or 878-6130 (home).

**AND YES THERE IS A RECOGNITION PATCH!!!**

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**Your OwaneCo Lodge Leaders**

- **Lodge Chief**: Bob Kravecs
- **Vice Chief—Chapters**: Michael Katona
- **Vice Chief—Program**: Jeremy Meurice
- **Vice Chief—Inductions**: Tyler White
- **Lodge Treasurer**: Tom Gordon
- **Lodge Secretary**: Sean Murphy
- **Lodge Advisor**: Mr. Ralph Deer
JOIN THE CEREMONIES TEAM

The Owaneco Cere-

committee, you would be at 1:00 at St. Peter’s Church

monial Committee is one of added to a close circle of on 71 River St., Milford. For

the most active and spirited people who value friendship more information contact

communities in the Lodge, and brotherhood. Joining the Kevin Sylvester at

We are searching for new Ceremonies Team is a great members. If you choose to way to become involved in

become a member of this the Lodge. We meet regularly

The 2002 Winter Banquet

This past year’s meeting was Deer, Robert Kravec III

Lodge Winter Banquet was held, and the promotional Several Brothers

held on December 27, 2002 video for the 2003 NE-2C also received the Arrowman

at Liedle’s Restaurant in Conclave was premiered. Service Award: included

Stratford. We had 130 lodge Thanks to Rob Anstett, our

Brothers in attendance. Events Chairman, for meticu-

lously crafting such an enjoy-

able and promising video. Let’s hope that the other

lodges in the section share

santa claus himself made an appearance

(along with a rather tall bearded elf...but he had the

poxy shoes, so that was fine). A silent patch and

goods auction went on throughout the evening, and

it helped to strengthen the lodge’s budget. After the din-

ner, a lodge meeting was held.

James E. West Award:

Michael Card, Mr. Robert Cloutier

Founders’ Award: Mr. Ralph

Several Brothers

Deer, Robert Kravec III

Among the recipients were:

Kravec, Andrew Simon, Tyler

White, and Ed Wolf.

Thank you to all who attended for making this a

memorable night in the lodge’s history. To all those

who were unable to attend, mark your calendars for this

year’s Banquet on Monday, December 29. Don’t miss

out!!!

The patch auction at the Winter Banquet

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION 2003

Attention Ordeal Members

It is time for you to officially seal your membership in the Order by completing your Brotherhood Quest. If it has been at least 10 months since your Ordeal, you are invited to complete this process.

If you are eligible you will find the date of your Ordeal on your address label, along with a Sprit of the Arrow Booklet in your mailing. Please check “Yes” on the Ordeal weekend Registration form to indicate that you will be taking the Brotherhood, and attach a check for $25. This includes your weekend registra-

tion fee and the cost of the Brotherhood sash. There will be a Brotherhood Quest form for you to fill out at Friday night registration for the Ordeal. Help us to once again achieve our goal of Honor Lodge. in 2003!

OWANECO LODGE CALENDAR

Executive Committee Meetings

Location: Milford Scout Office

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

Upcoming ECM Dates:

April 21, 2003

May 19, 2003

June, 2003—TBA

August 18, 2003

Upcoming Events

Spring Ordeal

- May 2-4, 2003 at Deer Lake

- June 6-8 at Camp Sequassen

NE-2C Section Conclave

- September 5-7 at Sequassen

Fall Ordeal

- September 19-21

Fall Fellowship - October 24-26
Chapter/Committee News

Achewon

Achewon Chapter now has an e-group! All Arrowmen from the chapter are invited to sign up.

If you can’t make it to all the meetings, this is an excellent way to still keep up with Chapter business and have your voice heard. Troop Representatives, Scoutmasters, and SPLs are especially encouraged to join.

If you have a Yahoo! ID, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Achewon to sign up as a member, or create your own ID. This enables you to access our archives for links, files, and pictures. Or simply send an e-mail to Achewon-scribe@yahoogroups.com to begin receiving messages.

With your help we can improve communication within our chapter and keep you better informed on upcoming activities. Send any questions to schwink@owaneco.org or Sylvester@owaneco.org.

Chief Pomperaug

The Chief Pomperaug chapter will be hosting the Pomperaug District Spring Camporee in May. The theme will be Scouting Skills: Back to Basics. This is looking to be a fun weekend, but we need your help to make it possible. If you’re a member of Chief Pomperaug and wish to help them run this important event, please e-mail Chapter Chief Tom Early at early@owaneco.org as soon as possible.

Ceremonies

On April 26-27, 2003, the Ceremonies Team will be having a weekend at Camp Sequassen. Brotherhood Conversion will be offered on Saturday afternoon. Brother-hood candidates are encouraged to arrive at 9 a.m. with work gloves. Lunch will be provided. The cost is $12 for the sash. Brotherhood candidates and all lodge members are invited to join us. Please meet in the camp parking lot by 8:30 a.m.

E-mail Committee Chairman Kevin Sylvester at: sylvester@owaneco.org If you plan on attending so they can plan for food.

Pictures from the Winter Banquet

Recipients of the James. E West Award: (l to r): Robert Cloutier and Michael Card.

Presentation of the Arrowman Service Award

Lodge Chief Robert Kravecs poses with Santa Claus and his favorite elf.

Over 130 brothers enjoyed food and fun