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## A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF:

**T**his past year has truly been the year of Owaneco. We have summated many mountains, the biggest being the Section NE-2C Conclave at Camp Sequassen. There were one hundred and thirty-four Owaneco Members in attendance at the Conclave and over 313 people attended from New York, Pennsylvania and of course Connecticut.

There are several people that I need to thank for organizing and executing this extraordinary event. First I would like to thank Michael Card, the conclave coordinator; Michael, you put your body, mind and soul into the conclave and this lodge is in debt to you. Some of the other members I would like to thank: Robert Emerson for arranging all of the afternoon activities, Even Fusaro and the Dance Team for the wonderful display and pow-wow, Robert Kravecs for the wonderful and invaluable training that he arranged with some of the best minds in our section, Nick

Cloutier for the tremendous newsletters, and Ed Wolf for registration and other administrative tasks that could not be topped. The weekend wouldn't have been complete, however, without help by people like Andrew Simon and Mark Clark who put together the wonderful meals that we had. To the rest of the people from Owaneco that made the Conclave extraordinary, thank you so much.

At the conclave, section elections were held, and two members of Owaneco Lodge were elected. I would like to congratulate Robert Kravecs who was elected as the Section NE-2C Section Chief and will represent the Section and Owaneco Lodge at the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas. I would also like to congratulate Kevin Sylvester who was elected as the Section Secretary. Lastly, congratulations Mr. Bill White who accepted the position of Associate Section Adviser.

I am extremely proud of how great our lodge has become over the past year, however we must continue to strive to become better. In working with our districts and troops, I

am asking all Arrowmen to participate in the two Scouting for Food weekends, and wear their sashes proudly during the collections.

The Lodge Leadership Development Conference will be held at Hoyt Training Cabin in Redding on November 21st and 22nd. I encourage you to attend its FREE and lots of FUN!!! This is a two day affair that will allow you to learn more about what Owaneco is and how it is run, and allows you to bring that knowledge back to you troop.

Owaneco's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Banquet and Annual Business Meeting will be held on December 29<sup>th</sup>. This will close Owaneco's 5<sup>th</sup> year and will kick off our fundraising for NOAC this coming summer. Thank you for all your hard work, and remember: never stop looking *onward and upward!*

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Robert H. Anstett  
Lodge Chief  
Owaneco Lodge #313

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### Don't Forget:

2004 dues are now being collected. Please mail in your registration ASAP.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<i>ECM</i>	12/15/03
<i>Winter Banquet</i>	12/29/05
<i>ECM</i>	1/12/04
<i>ECM</i>	2/23/04



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## 2003 Winter Banquet

The 2003 Winter Banquet will be held at Liedle's Restaurant on December 29th. Registration forms have been mailed out with this mailing and must be mailed in by December 19. If you have misplaced this, or any other form, you can download it PDF format at [www.owaneco.org/resources](http://www.owaneco.org/resources).

## Vigil Honor Nominations

If a person wants to nominate a Brother for the Vigil Honor, please visit [www.owaneco.org](http://www.owaneco.org) or call Mr. Glassman at (203) 876-6868 ext. 238. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

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Having a great time!



Mark looking with a radio



**“Catch The Higher  
Vision In The Order  
Of The Arrow.”**



## Chapter/Committee/ Upcoming Event News

• Attention all members!!!! 2003 is coming to a close more quickly than you think. The Awards committee is looking for more members to help with its decisions. We will be having a meeting Nov. 25 (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving) to determine the recipients of certain awards. But we need your input before that!! We need people to help in creating the criteria for each award. If interested, please contact Chairman Brian Golrick at [golrick@owaneco.org](mailto:golrick@owaneco.org). Your help is needed!!

• Anyone who wants to attend the LLDC they should email [info@owaneco.org](mailto:info@owaneco.org)

## 2003 SEPTEMBER ORDEAL:

The September Ordeal at Camp Sequassen went very smoothly. We inducted 84 new members and had 4 Brotherhood conversions. Despite concerns about the weather, it was a beautiful weekend. All of the scheduled work projects were completed which has not happened in quite a while. Clark field was seeded, a new stone wall was constructed, and a lot of wood was split. In addition to that, water run-off pipes were put in on Loomis Road to keep the trail from flooding, a large amount of brush was cleared from North and South Sequassen, and the Baden Powell latrine and the portable storage shed both have a fresh coat of paint. There was great fellowship on the weekend and the ceremonies went very well. The Dance Team also gave a great performance. In all, the September ordeal was very successful.

Tom Early  
September Ordeal Master

## PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER ORDEAL



Arrowmen at work on an irrigation system



The New Members Line Up



Ordeal Masters hard at work

## YOUR OWANECO LODGE LEADERS

Lodge Chief	Rob Anstett
Vice Chief—Chapters	Michael Katona
Vice Chief—Program	Kevin Sylvester
Vice Chief—Inductions	Nicholas Cloutier
Lodge Treasurer	Ryan Murphy
Lodge Secretary	John Chick
Lodge Advisor	Mr. Mark Clark