A Letter From The Chief:

Let me start by thanking each and every one of you for helping to make Owaneco a Quality Lodge for the second year in a row. Among all the great achievements we made over this past year, one stands out among the rest: Brotherhood conversion. This year we had a conversion rate of thirty-five percent, more than a five percent increase over past years. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach this goal.

The 2003 Winter Banquet was the most successful to date, with over 160 people in attendance. Congratulations to Brian Golrick and Kevin Sylvester on receiving James E. West Fellowships, and to Dr. Bob Kravec and Michael Card who received the Founder’s Award. The key note address of the evening was given by Mr. Louis Salute, the new Scout Executive, who shared his expectations for the lodge over the upcoming year. His goals included creating a Scoutreach Mentorship Program and continuing in service and financial support of the council and its camps.

In working towards these goals, we have two service opportunities in the upcoming months. On the weekend of March 12th, we painted the council office. I thank everyone who came out and painted for us. Council looks great! On April 17th we will be conducting a day of service at Hoyt Scout Reservation. I hope to see each of you at one of these events so that we can continue in cheerful service to our council. Again, thank you for all you help in building our lodge over the past year. I invite you to become even more involved this year, and remember, continue to look ‘onward and upward.’

Yours in W.W.W.

Robert H. Anstett

Troop Leadership Positions

Owaneco Lodge is seeking Troop Representatives. Receive credit for rank advancement and let us help you stay informed about the OA. If you are interested in this fun and easy position, or if you have already been acting as a Unit Rep, simply e-mail your name, chapter, unit number, and phone number to schwink@owaneco.org.

2004 NOAC Fee Schedule

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All checks should be made payable to: Owaneco Lodge 313, BSA
And sent to: Jim Wardwell, 70 Murray Street, Norwalk, CT 06851-3320

Don’t Forget:
2004 dues are now being collected. Please mail in your registration ASAP!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Another great event was experienced by Owaneco Lodge! On December 29, 160 Arrowman gathered for great food and fellowship at Li edle’s Restaurant in Stratford. Sean Murphy, as Lodge Events Chairman, did an excellent job planning, preparing, and executing another wonderful event. Back by popular demand, the second annual silent patch auction raised plenty of funds which the lodge can use in the future. Some hot ticket items at this year’s auction featured a charter member flap, beaded items donated by Chris Fagan, ’02 NOAC delegate, two piece, ’03 Conclave Service Lodge patch, and many more items filling a large portion of the rear of the banquet hall. A special thanks goes out to Dr. Bob for finding, collecting, and donating many items so the silent auction can continue to be successful. Honored guests at the evening banquet included our new Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. Lou Salute and former NE-2C Chief, Mr. Colin Pin navaia. Thanks to both Mr. Salute and Colin for coming and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. The night proceeded with dinner and a wonderful slide show presentation created by Lodge Chief, Rob Anstett. The night concluded with award presentations and heartfelt congratulations goes out to Mike Card and Dr. Bob for being awarded the Founder’s Award. It is because of gentlemen like Mike and Dr. Bob Owaneco effectively functions. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Seventh Annual Winter Banquet and Third Annual Silent Patch Auction.

2003 LLDC Recap

The Lodge Leadership Development Conference was held November 21-22 at the Hoyt Scout Reservation. A variety of training sessions were available from “Running A Meeting” to “Where to go camping books.” Brothers experienced not only training, but great fellowship as well. This year’s LLDC was chaired by Michael Card. This is Mike’s fourth LLDC in which he served as lead trainer. It was no surprise that this event was another success. A special thanks also goes out to Mr. Wade Anderson and the Scatacook chapter for providing terrific meals. Thanks everyone for attending this year’s LLDC and can’t wait to see you at next year’s training weekend.

National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow’s key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. Completion of the Lodge Leadership Development Course is desirable. The seminar is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of leadership and practicing some of the skills that a leader uses. While it is designed to be fun, the course challenges participants mentally as well. Participants should be developmentally, physically, and mentally prepared to actively engage in an exhausting, invigorating weekend. If you would like to attend this fantastic training session, contact Mr. Glassman as soon as possible.

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
Winter Banquet 2003

2003 LLDC
Extravaganza 2004

The 2004 Extravaganza is coming! The Extravaganza is a council-wide camporee that will take place at the North Haven Fairgrounds on May 14-16, 2004. The Order of the Arrow will be playing a very active role at this event. The lodge will be running an OA Kiosk, the Saturday night show and helping with cleanup on Sunday. Any brothers interested in helping run or organize any aspect of the lodge’s involvement in this event should contact Drew Sansevero at sansevero@owaneco.org.

Visit http://extravaganza.ctyankee.org to find out more information on the events scheduled and to download pictures from the 2002 Extravaganza.

Ceremony Ring Cleanup

May 22nd and 23rd will be a busy day at Camp Sequassen. That weekend is an opportunity for the entire lodge to come up and work on the ceremony ring. The ceremony ring is used by the entire lodge and is often the first impression on our new Arrowmen. Although our ring is already great, there are 4 major areas that we would like to improve. We would like expand and woodchip the entire ring, move the entrance into the ring, and put drainage on the trail into the ring. To do all this, we are going to need help, and LOTS OF IT! Work will start on both days at 9:00 a.m. Below you will find the day your chapter has committed to cleaning up the ceremony ring.

Saturday May 22
- Arcoon
- Achewon
- Chief Pomperaug

Sunday May 23
- Scatacook
- Keewayden
- Powahay

The ceremony team will be staying over Saturday night and they extend an invitation to everyone in the lodge. If you would like to stay over with the team or would like more information on the ceremony site cleanup project, please contact Kevin Sylvester at Sylvester@owaneco.org.