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A Farewell From Chief Anstett:

This past year has been a great success for Owaneco Lodge; it has truly gone "Onward and Upward..." This have been accomplished with out the help of your Vice Chiefs, the Committee Chairman and all of you. Of the 9 goals that I set out on this year we met or exceeded 7 of them. Last summer with the help of Kevin Sylvester and Brian Golrick we were able to get a Brotherhood conversion rate of 35.5%, which breaks all of Owaneco Lodge's past records and with hard work and dedication I know we can create that number to 40%. In just under 3 weeks Owaneco Lodge will be sending a contingent of at least 51 members to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). This more than doubles our contingent that went to the 2002 NOAC and from my understanding is one of the largest single contingents attending NOAC. Owaneco Lodge is one of the strongest if not the strongest lodges in our section but it is also one of the youngest, we must continue our efforts to be the strongest lodge. This summer on August 27-29th Owaneco Lodge with the help of Ktemaque Lodge we will be putting on a great show, if you went to last year's Conclave I encourage you to go to this years which will be just a good as last years and its in our back yard at Camp Strang. Even if you don't know anything

about shows come and enjoy the fun filled weekend the registration form is on www.owaneco.org and is included in this mailing. Thank you for allowing me to be your Chief this past year and I would like to congratulate Kevin on being my successor and all of the newly elected Vice Chiefs. I know under Kevin's guidance Owaneco Lodge will continue onward and upward.

Yours in W.W.W.,
Thank you,

Robert Hunt Anstett
Lodge Chief 2003-2004

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Don't Forget:

The 2004 Conclave is coming soon. Be sure to get your registration in ASAP!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<i>OA Day</i>	7/13-8/3/04 (Tuesdays)
<i>NOAC 2004</i>	7/30-8/6/04
<i>2004 Conclave</i>	8/27-29/04
<i>September Ordeal</i>	9/10-12/04
<i>ECM</i>	9/20/04

Owaneco Bestows Vigil Honor To Nine

At this year's June Ordeal, nine members were inducted into the Vigil Honor. 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 their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Owaneco Lodge congratulates Daniel Fagan, Evan Fusaro, Thomas Naples Jr., Kevin Sylvester, Tyler White, and Edward Wolf Jr. The adults inducted were: Blaine Boxwell, Mark Clifton, and Ronald Phillips. Congratulations to all nine on their attainment of the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow.



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Conclave, Here We Come!

The 2004 Section 2C Conclave will be held at Strang Scout Reservation August 27 - 29. A Conclave is a phenomenal opportunity to learn more about our Order and have a lot of fun. The weekend offers a lot of fun, training, fun, brotherhood, fun and great food. This is the first Conclave to be held at this Camp since 1981. This year's conclave is "Ironman... lodges building a stronger section". Last year we blew the pants off of everyone as we hosted the



conclave, and this year we need to show our support and attend as Owaneco is in charge of the show for Saturday night. This is an excellent way to meet the National Chief and the Northeast Region Chief. If you need any information, be sure to email info@ne2c.org. Be sure to pre-register with the enclosed registration form too. The event costs only \$35. Last year, over 300 members of the OA attended the conclave we hosted at Camp Sequassen. Lets show our support an have a big turnout.

2004 May Ordeal

This year's May ordeal was held at the Deer Lake Scout Reservation on the weekend of May 1st. The weekend was full of service and fun! Projects included clearing brush, splitting wood, cleaning out

the reservation's storm drains, fixing trails, and even fixing a truck. The weather for the weekend was impeccable, with clear skies and sun shining all day long. We gained 55 new ordeal members and converted 17 members to brother-

hood. There were also 59 members present for the event which made the ceremonies and the work more fun and lively. Ranger Mark Clifton was extremely grateful for all the work done.

2004 June Ordeal

This year's June ordeal was held at Camp Sequassen on the weekend of June 11th. With ninety new members inducted into Owaneco, fifteen new brotherhood members, and nine new vigil members,

the leadership of Owaneco could not have asked for a better Ordeal. Beautiful weather served as a great backdrop to a weekend filled with service geared to ready Sequassen for summer camp. Thanks to all the members (new

and old) that came out for the weekend, and we hope to see everyone back for even more fun in September! Congratulations to all our new members!

Your New Owaneco Lodge Leaders

Lodge Chief	Kevin Sylvester
Vice Chief—Chapters	Charles Johnson
Vice Chief—Program	Nicolas Cloutier
Vice Chief—Inductions	George Philbrick
Lodge Treasurer	Ryan Murphy
Lodge Secretary	John Vignali
Lodge Advisor	Mr. Mark Clark

2004 May Ordeal



2004 June Ordeal



NOAC 2004



Dave Chick trying to radio home



Ed Wolf after a battle with a clogged storm drain



I've got hot buns!

We've got the largest NOAC Contingent that any of our constituent lodges, even when combined, have ever sent. We look forward to this exciting adventure. Charlie Johnson, and the rest of the NOAC Subcommittee have worked really hard to see that we all have the best time ever! At time of writing we are 52 maybe even 53 strong, Arrowmen who predate the large consolidations of the early seventies and who have just been inducted in May and June -- Wow! The Lodge dared to dream big, and has been able to execute BIG! Congratulations to the Lodge Leadership for their vision!

REMINDERS:

- Departure is at **9AM** from the Council Office on Friday, July 30th
- We will arrive back at Council Friday, August 6th between 9 AM and 10 AM We will call the Council Office when we are just West of the Hudson River to give a time estimate
- Make sure that you have a front & back copy of your health insurance card
- The NOAC Trading Post will take travelers' checks and major credit cards
- Participants under 18 must bring prescription drugs in their original containers in a bag clearly marked with their names, with clear instructions
- Do not bring anything your scoutmaster would not let you bring to summer camp
- \$100 and \$200 for out of pocket expenses (travelers' checks are best) is recommended
- **All participants must turn in a completed (signed) class 3 medical form to the NOAC registration office on Saturday, July 31.**

UNIFORMS:

On the Bus - Class B (T-Shirt and scout pants)

At rest/food stops - Class A

At Classes, Shows, and dinner - Class A

At afternoon activities - Class B

For continued coverage of the events at NOAC, be sure to visit www.owaneco.org, www.oa-bsa.org and www.ne2c.org



Owaneco Lodge #313 would like to thank all those who purchased NOAC fundraising patches to offset the costs of the trip.

Thank You!



2004 Fellowship

Was it Colonel Mustard or Mrs. Peacock? Was the murder weapon the candlestick or the wrench? And was it in the Study or Kitchen where the murder was committed? If you like these classic elements of Clue, then you need to come to the 2004 fellowship! This year's fellowship will be mystery themed with movies, games, food and above all service. Who knows what can happen. We're keeping the detail vague about this event in order to intensify the mystery behind it. No matter what, it looks like a promising weekend full of fun! For more information visit www.owaneco.org or email ncloutier@owaneco.org. Be sure to get in your registration ASAP!