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A Letter From The Chief

First I would like to congratulate all of our brothers for attaining Quality Lodge this past year. It is the effort of every member that enables us to reach this goal. I would also like to thank all of those who attended the Winter Banquet. This event proved once again to be a huge success. Everyone had a great time reflecting on the past year, and looking toward the brotherhood that awaits Owaneco in this upcoming year.

The new year is here! I urge all of our members to get active in their chapters, and Lodge events. The

busiest time of the year for our Lodge is well on its way. The most important part in achieving the goals for this year is the participation of our members. Take a role in the planning of an event. Join a team or committee, go to the meetings and have a blast. The Ordeal season is on the horizon, and I ask you to come join the cheerful service and bring your fellow arrowmen from your chapter. Also this year our Lodge is going to be supporting Scout Reach. If you are a strong leader or interested in helping build new troops in

urban areas contact me via e-mail.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Ordeals and I would like to challenge you to get active on a committee but also to get someone else active as well. Always go to your chapter meetings to stay updated with new fun lodge events and continue serving your community cheerfully in a scoutly manner.

Yours in Wimachtendienk

Drew Sansevero

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Lodge Chief

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Don't Forget:

Dues for 2005 are now being collected. Be sure to re-register ASAP! Membership cards will be mailed in July.



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Cheerful Service: Hoyt Service Day

A reminder to all brothers; on April 16 from 9:00–5:00 the lodge will be performing various service projects at the Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding, CT. All participants should wear long pants and sturdy boots, as well as bring a shovel or rake. For more information on the day's events, please email John Chick at chick@owaneco.org.

2005 Calendar of Events

Date:	Event:	Location:	Date:	Event:	Location:
April 16	OA Work Day	Hoyt	September 16-18	Ordeal Weekend	Camp Sequassen
May 6-8	Ordeal Weekend	Deer Lake	October 7-8	LLD	TBD
June 10-12	Ordeal Weekend	Camp Sequassen	October 28-30	Fall Fellowship	Deer Lake

OA & You: Summer 05'

The Order of the Arrow has many major opportunities for you to become involved in this summer. For the first summer, the OA will sponsor programs at all three of Scouting's high adventure bases: Philmont, Northern Tier, and Florida Sea Base. This summer, you can also spend a week in Virginia and be an active Arrowmen at the 2005 National Jamboree. And its never too early to plan, so start filling out the forms NOW!

The Order of the Arrow will have a major presence at the upcoming jamboree. A Service Corps of 150 Arrowmen will provide assistance and support to all aspects of the national event. In addition, the Order will conduct and staff three programs: American Indian Village, The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) and an OA Show. While serving on Jamboree staff, you can meet Arrowmen from across the nation and become an integral part of the Jamboree's success.



Want an excuse to get out of the house for two weeks this summer? Why not attend one of the Order's national high adventure programs? Why not travel to Northern Tier in Minnesota. Here you will canoe the northern boundary waters and provide lasting service to portage trails that thousands of scouts will travel. Want to travel to Philmont? No better way than with OA Trail Crew. Provide cheerful service on the trails of New Mexico and take a trek with the friends you make from around the country. How about taking a dive into the Florida Keys? You can spend your time at the Florida Sea Base and become scuba certified while you preserve coral reefs.

These opportunities are not available to you forever. When you hit that magic adult number of 21, your adventures greatly diminish in the Order. You can find more information on all of these national programs at www.owaneco.org. Please visit the national website and plan on attending one of these programs this summer.

Owaneco's 2005 Jamboree Lodge Flap



In 2001, Owaneco Lodge made a *special* limited-edition lodge flap for the National Scout Jamboree. This year the lodge continues the tradition and has made a new *special* limited-edition lodge flap. The new flaps are on sale for **\$3** and can be purchased by filling out the order form that came with this mailing or at www.owaneco.org/forms. There is no limit on the number of patches you can buy, so order early in order to ensure you get the number of patches you want.

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New Lodge Standard Flap Revealed

After the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in 2004, a few of the lodge leaders got together to design a new standard flap for the lodge. This new standard is a revival of one of Owaneco's earlier standards, but is distinctly different upon comparison. The new standard lodge flap is available through the lodge trading post and also the Council Scout Shop for \$4 each.



Food + Fun = 2004 Winter Banquet

On December 27, 2004, over 100 Arrowman gathered for great food and fellowship at Liedle's Restaurant in Stratford. The evening was full of food, fun and of course fellowship. The evening ended with a slideshow of the year in review, as well as an awards presentation. Congratulations to Kevin Sylvester and Rob Anstett who both received the Founders Award, and Ed Wolf, Jr. who received the James E. West Award.



The Buffet Line



Rob Anstett receives the Founder Award



Owaneco members enjoy the festivities

Conclave 2005 Information

Each year, Sections across the country hold what is called a section conclave, which is considered the largest national event for that specific location. This year, Section NE-2C will hold its conclave at Camp Keowa, from August 26-28, 2005. Besides great training, come experience friendship, fellowship, patch trading, and all around good fun as we "Search for the Fire Within." This is a great event to meet your past and present national officers. Events start Friday night with a good ol' fashion country western night of fun and some sizzling snacks. Saturday morning is fun filled with action packed training presented by some of the most prominent leaders in the Order from throughout the region. In the afternoon, "Search for the Fire Within" as you experience inter-lodge and individual competitions. A great dinner and show will follow in the evening. No service required throughout the weekend, just a great event to experience with your fellow brothers. If you register early, the cost is only \$25! For more information please check out www.ne-2c.org. For those brothers leaving from Connecticut, transportation will be provided upon request by contacting chick@owaneco.org. More information will be posted on the lodge website, www.owaneco.org for information on the conclave and carpooling to Camp Keowa.

Got Leadership? We Need You!

Did you know that the Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative is a junior leadership position that can count toward rank advancement? Owaneco Lodge is looking for scouts under the age of 18 who are currently members of the Order of the Arrow and are willing to serve as liaisons between the OA Chapter and their troop. General responsibilities include: attending OA events, attending OA chapter meetings, etc.

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's Honor Society, created to recognize the Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The OA serves as a resource for local Troops through its camp promotions program and as a means of retaining older Scouts' interest in the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts are attracted to the Order of the Arrow because of its emphasis on Youth Leadership Training through the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. The OA can be a tremendous source of opportunities for interested members. Without Troop Representatives, it is very difficult for other members of the OA to get important information.

If you are interested in becoming a Troop Representative, please contact your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser. For more information on the Troop Representative program and the position's responsibilities, visit www.owaneco.org/programs/ttr.

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support Scouting at the most important level.

Arrowmen must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award:

- Give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, chapter, or council service project benefiting a local council camp (lodge induction weekends do count). Service may be split over two or more events.
- Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge or chapter.

The timeline for the Leadership in Service Award is a graduated system that encourages Arrowmen to continue their service from year to year. Requirements for the award can be met during the calendar years of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Service from a previous year cannot be carried over to meet the next year's requirements. Arrowmen of all ages may earn the First Year award in 2005, 2006 or 2007, the Second Year in 2006 or 2007, and the Third Year Award in 2007 only.

More information can be found at www.owaneco.org.



Camping Promotions DVD Project

The camping promotions committee is looking for anyone with experience in video/DVD production, or with an interest in it to help with the promotional video. The DVD will include Camp Sequassen's summer camp program, Cub Scout resident and day camp, and the Venturing program at Deer Lake.

The camping promotion committee strives to promote camping and encourage attendance to BSA-affiliated summer camps. The committee also provides a "Where To Go Camping Guide" for units to learn about new places to camp. Please contact Tom Early at early@owaneco.org if you would like to help out with the DVD or guidebook project.