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Lodge Elects Charlie Johnson As Chief

Iwould like to take this time to congratulate all new members on their induction into the Order of the Arrow. As you may know the order of the arrow is the national honor society of boy scouts and only those who are selected by their unit is allowed to undergo the ordeal. That being said, your journey has just begun. Don't look at OA events as going to another ordeal because no other event is like the ordeal.

I strongly urge you to get involved in some kind of committee. If this organization weren't fun then why would I be in it? There is so much you can do and so many great things that you can get involved in. There are a numerous events coming up in the next couple months that you can use to see if the OA is meant for you. There will be a Section Conclave in August, an ordeal in September, and a Fall Fellowship in October. Information on

all of these events can be found on the lodge website and in the Observer. Come to one of these events and see what the OA is about because there is only so much the chief can say in a letter. Once again congratulations and I'm looking forward to serving you this year.

Yours in Wimachtendienk

Charlie Johnson

Charlie Johnson
Lodge Chief

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Membership Cards:

In this mailing you will find your 2005 OA membership card. If your card has an error, or you did not receive one in this packet, please contact Mr. Bob Cloutier at cloutier@owaneco.org or (203) 452-1922

Vigil Honor Class of 2005



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 Chris Cahill, Daniel Cahill, David Chick Sr., John Chick, Charlie Johnson, Ray Monschevious, Drew Sansevero, Steve Schwink Sr., and Steve Schwink Jr on this admirable achievement. Congratulations to all nine on their attainment of the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow.



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A Message from the Quinnipiac Dancers

Congratulations! --- Congratulations! --- Congratulations!

To all our new Brothers, upon completion of their membership in our Order at the recent May or June Ordeals. You have joined one to the premier organizations in scouting. And it is all run by us - the youth members!

We would also like to thank those of you that signed up for Teams at these Ordeals. You have taken a step to serve you Lodge by joining an active Lodge committee. We will be contacting you as the summer closes about our first meeting. Most likely this will be September 11. You and your parents will be invited to this get-acquainted meeting for a closer look at the Team in action. The Quinnipiac Dancers are a diverse and dynamic group of arrowmen dedicated to studying Indian Culture through their songs and dances. Plus we have a LOT of FUN!

To those that missed the signup, you can still get involved. Just contact our youth chairman **Russ Olson** at olson@owaneco.org and let him know you are interested in joining the team. He'll get you all the information necessary.

Does your troop, pack or some group you know want the Team to perform for them at their next special event? The hour long performance is sure to fascinate and please your audience. Bookings open September 1, 2005 for the 2006 season. Just call **Nancy Olson** at 203-281-5419 for details.



The Quinnipiac dancers at NOAC 2004

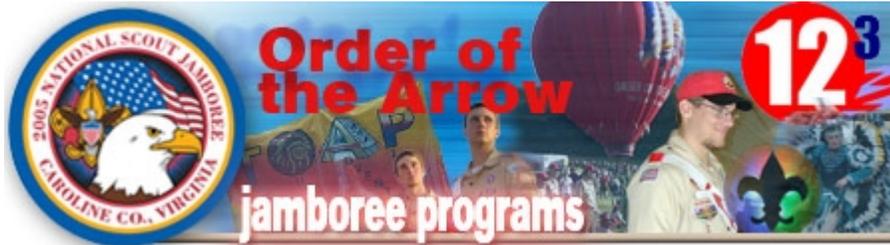
Not interested in the Team, that's OK but above all **GET INVOLVED** in the Lodge!

2005 Calendar of Events

Date:	Event:	Location:	Date:	Event:	Location:
July 25-Aug 3	National Scout Jamboree	Fort A.P. Hill	October 7-8	LLD	TBD
August 26-28	Section Conclave	Camp Keowa	October 28-30	Fall Fellowship	Deer Lake
September 16-18	Ordeal Weekend	Camp Sequassen			

Your NEW Owaneco Lodge Leaders

Lodge Chief	Charlie Johnson	chief@owaneco.org
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Lodge Treasurer	Position Open	
Lodge Secretary	Position Open	
Lodge Advisor	David Chick, Sr.	chick@owaneco.org



The Jamboree is approaching swiftly and if your going, it will be the experience of a lifetime. At the Jamboree, there will be a slew of events, activities, shows for you to participate in. As an arrowmen, you are a distinguished member of the scouting organization. You have been chosen to be in the Order because you exemplify the fundamental principles of the Boy Scout program. At the jamboree, you will have the chance to meet and interact with these fellow arrowmen. The article below is indented to give you heads up on all the events that are being hosted by members of the Order of the Arrow at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

OA Service Corps.



The OA Service Corps is an indispensable part of the Jamboree program. The Service Corps will provide hundreds upon hundreds of hours of cheerful service to the participants of the Jamboree. Among the task the Service Corps had been asked to do in the past include security for arena shows, delivering lunches, conducting flag raisings and hosting special dignitaries just to name a few. As you can see each day with the OA Service Corps is a new adventure.

The Outdoor Adventure Place "TOAP"

TOAP is a section of the jamboree where arrowmen can share their camping knowledge. The campsite exhibit will feature a forestry service display and demo as well as a backpacking, high adventure, cooking and leave no trace exhibit. There will be lots of fun activities at TOAP such as a tennis ball launcher, leave no trace course, rock walls and a monkey bridge.



OA Shows: Twelve Cubed



Twelve Cubed represents an equation for life, a formula for values. It is the value obtained by applying to one's life both the 12 points of the Scout Law and the 3 promises of the Scout Oath: a multiplication, if you will, which has an exponential effect upon that life. Scouts should attend twelve cubed because, through a staggering amount of hard work, the Order of the Arrow has developed a show that is full of fun and excitement. Twelve Cubed is the

sequel to the 2001 Jamboree's Scoutopia show. The show will feature visual effects, audience participation, and best of all, the arena will be air conditioned!

American Indian Activities

The Jamboree will allow for dance teams all over the nation to come together in one spot. During the Jamboree, The OA will host Three Pow-wows and have a Traveling Tribe, Dance Story and Six Geographical Indian Villages. Go to the Indian Activities to learn about the heritage of Native Americans, earn the Indian Lore merit badge, learn & observe numerous American Indian dance styles and get insight into the everyday life of the American Indians.



Don't worry...If these events don't interest you there is still lots more to see at the Jamboree. There is so much to do at the Jamboree that you wont see everything! Have fun & enjoy the experience!

May Ordeal Brings 43 New Members

This May ordeal was held at the Deer Lake Scout Reservation on the weekend of May 6th. The weekend was full of service and fun! The weather for the weekend was impeccable, with clear skies and sun shining all day long. We gained 43 new ordeal members and converted 12 members to brotherhood. There were also 39 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.

NOTES: The September Ordeal's theme is a Saturday Night- Tailgate Party for the Kick-Off to the football season and baseball playoffs. Be sure to bring hats, shirts and any other paraphernalia, on the 16-18th of September.

The Fall Fellowship's theme is a Southern themed weekend (We're working on the name still. Be sure to bring anything southern and nothing with derogatory.

Lights! Cameras! Owaneco Show Committee!



Do you like making movies? How about making music or taking photos? Well then there's some good news! Owaneco is in the process of formulating a shows committee. If created, the shows committee will be in charge of organizing and producing the shows at each lodge event. If you think you would be interested in joining this committee, please contact Ed Wolf at wolf@owaneco.org. We're looking to create a team of talented lodge members that will help entertain and retain the lodge members, as well as promote lodge events.

HOT STUFF (Literally): The June Ordeal & New Leadership

This year's June ordeal was held at Camp Sequassen on the weekend of June 10th. With sixty-seven new members inducted into Owaneco, eighteen new brotherhood members, and nine new vigil members, the weekend was a great success. Even though the weather was hot and muggy, it was still filled with a weekend of service geared to ready Sequassen for summer camp. The weekend was also capped off with a Hawaiian Luau, slideshow and David Arrowman show.

The June ordeal was also where Owaneco members elected the new lodge leadership for the 2005-2006 year. Charlie Johnson was elected Lodge chief, Sean Murphy-VC of Chapter operations, David Chick, Jr.-VC of Program, Zach Silver-VC of Inductions. **The positions of Lodge Treasurer and Secretary are vacant.** If you are interested in running for the position, please email Charlie at chief@owaneco.org.

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 ordeal, brotherhood and vigil honor members! Also, a special thanks goes to Mr. Mark Clark who was succeeded as Lodge Adviser by Mr. David Chick, Sr. Thank your dedication to the lodge throughout the years!



▼ Candidates take a water break when temperatures reach almost 98°



Members take a rest after digging a horseshoe pit



▼ Candidates watch the Quinnipiac Dancers perform