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## A Letter From The Chief

**H**ello Arrowmen! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season; we are really starting off the New Year on the right foot!

After review by a National Committee, the National Order of the Arrow has granted our Lodge's request for a \$4,000 service grant for the refurbishment of the Hoyt Training Cabin. The project will cost the Lodge upward of \$10,000 for which Fundraising Flaps are being sold at \$25 a piece. Anyone interested in purchasing a Fundraiser Flap should Email me at [vill@owaneco.org](mailto:vill@owaneco.org). Updates as to when the service project will kickoff will be emailed to members of the Lodge soon.

Aside from the Hoyt Project, the Lodge has other activities that we are

looking forward to for this spring. In conjunction with the Connecticut Yankee Council's Scouts Can- Build a Home Campaign; Owaneco Lodge will be raising money for 'Habitat for Humanity' by collecting aluminum beverage cans to be recycled.

In addition to this council wide can-drive, each chapter in the Lodge will be collecting donations outside of Local Walmart super stores. Donors will be able to sign pieces of lumber that will actually be used in the construction of a new 'Habitat for Humanity' home. The Wal-Mart Company has been generous enough to match the funds raised by our efforts with a donation of its own.

Also this spring, the Lodge will be holding its First Annual Lodge Picnic on

Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with other Arrowmen from the lodge. A free lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, and juice will be provided for all in attendance (see below).

As you all know the election season is wrapping up for 2007 and the Ordeals are fast approaching! Our May Ordeal will be held at Deer Lake Scout Reservation on May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for a weekend of Service at one of our council's great camps. I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge Picnic, and working with you this spring!

Yours in W.W.W.,

*Andy Vill*  
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Lodge Chief



The Supreme Chief of the fire gives keynote address at the Winter Banquet.

## May Ordeal

As always this year's May Ordeal will be a blast! Come support your Lodge with cheerful service! This is another time to meet new friends and bond with old ones. Don't Miss Out! If you have been ordeal member for 10 months or more, you can convert to brotherhood for **FREE!**

## The First Annual Lodge Picnic

This year Owaneco Lodge is holding its first annual Lodge Picnic, and the best part about it is it's free! At the picnic there will be great food and fun! Chapter competitions will be held as well as games just for fun. Games including our Lodge's all time favorite game Ultimate Frisbee. The picnic will also conclude this year's Can-Do Campaign and we hope you helped raise money for Habitat for Humanity. This year's picnic will be a great time to bond with friends and make new ones. The events will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 in the afternoon at Old Mine Park in Trumbull. So come down and have a great afternoon and support your Lodge!



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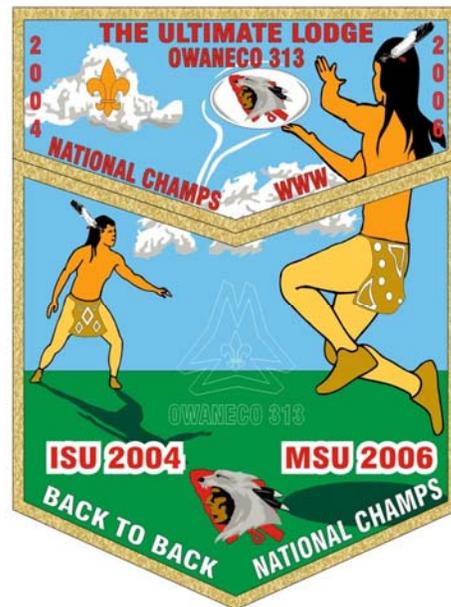
## The Ultimate Frisbee Patch

Greetings Brothers,

I'm writing to update everyone on the progress of the Frisbee patches which the lodge is producing and I'm pleased to inform everyone that the Frisbee Patches have received great support and indeed were very successful. Many of both white and gold border types were ordered and the lodge has raised over \$4500 as a result of the project! That's another \$4500 that will be going towards a service/building project for our council and our lodge. I congratulate all those who have supported us through their orders and would remind everyone that a few extra white border sets will be available in the trading post for those who still want to contribute.

For those interested in picking up their patches, we have submitted our order to the patch company and production is already underway. The first event that any of the patches will be available for pick-up will be the MAY ORDEAL and subsequently the patches will also be at the June Ordeal. Please go to where the trading post will be open and someone will assist you. Unfortunately, you may only pick up patch orders for yourself and your immediate family, so please do not ask someone else to get them. This will help ensure all the patches get back to the people who ordered them without confusion. All members are encouraged to come up to the spring lodge events and pick up their orders, but if your order is not picked up by June then it will be mailed to you during the summer months. This distribution scheme is the same for any Frisbee patch you may have ordered.

On a last note, I would like to thank all those who have helped in this project and especially Dave Chick, Bill Chin, Bob Cloutier, and Dr. Bob Kravecs for their above and beyond contributions. GO OWANECO!



Yours in W.W.W.,

*Rob Emerson*

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Committee Advisor

### Seal The Bond!

You may be wondering, what really is Brotherhood Membership all about? After 10 months of service to scouting following your ordeal, you return to take the Brotherhood Quest. By taking the Brotherhood Quest and becoming a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow, you are effectively sealing your membership in the lodge. What this means is, by taking the Brotherhood Quest you show the lodge that you are serious about the Order and that you intend to learn more from scouting, effectively contributing more. By becoming a Brotherhood member, you will help the lodge become a National Quality Lodge and be recognized as one of the best Order of the Arrow programs in the country.



In previous years, the Brotherhood Quest cost an additional \$15 to the ordeal weekend membership registration fee. A special offer for the 2007 ordeal season is, the Brotherhood Quest will have no added charge in addi-

### A Huge Success At The Winter Banquet!

Hundreds of members turned out at the 2006 Winter Banquet held at Tashua Knolls in Trumbull. The evening featured a gourmet feast, cake, and of course ice cream! Members new and old shared stories of the past and looked towards the next year in Owaneco Lodge.

During the banquet a number of lodge awards were presented to some very surprised members. Mr. Dave Lewis, Arcoon chapter adviser and long time dance team supporter was presented the James E. West Award. Mr. Robert Emerson, Vigil adviser, and Ryan Murphy, past committee chairmen and lodge officer, were both presented the Founder's Award.

Congratulations to Dave, Rob, and Ryan - it is a well deserved honor!

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