



# Owaneco Observer

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## A Letter From The Chief

"Build a better world said God, and I asked how? The world is such a vast place and so complicated now I am small and useless. What can I do? God in all His wisdom said, "Just build a better you." Circled around a campfire in the depths of the woods I heard these words for the first time this past summer. These words have had such a great affect on me, I just had to share them with all of you, but there is a greater reason for sharing them with you at this time. The end of the year is approaching and 2008 is right around the corner. We have done great things this past year, things I will mention later, but now I want to focus on what is to come. "Just build a better you", what if we all tried this coming year to build a better us. Self-improvement is always one of our resolutions for the New Year, but so many times, we are thinking to narrowly when we wish to improve ourselves. You see, by trying to become better individuals, we in fact better all those around us. A person can not become great until he has helped another, been a leader, or simply listened to a friend. I now challenge each and every one of you to build a better you so that we can build an even better Owaneco Lodge in the year to come.

Now, I wouldn't be doing my job as Lodge Chief if I didn't tell you all the great feats we have accomplished this past year. To start off, we had three spectacular Ordeals this past year where we welcomed nearly two hundred members into our lodge: CONGRATULATIONS to all of you!!! We held our first Lodge Picnic which

was great fun for everyone. We received one of eight Service Grants from National to fix-up our council's Hoyt Training Cabin. We sent five boys to the National Conservation and Leadership Summit at Indiana State University. Achewon Chapter hosted the first ever inter-chapter activity this Lodge has ever experienced and furthermore, the youth present beat the adult advisors in Wiffleball. Another groundbreaking event was our Lodge's inter-lodge, Lodge Leadership Development conference where Achewon Netopolis and Paugasset were present. "Had great event we did" with our Star Wars Fall Fellowship where Obi wan Kenobi, Darth Vader, w e r e p r e s e n t .

As you can see, Owaneco Lodge members had a blast this past year and there is so much more waiting for every member in 2008. If you have missed everything this past year, it is not too late to join us for our last event the Winter Banquet. Hope to see you all there.

Now, while you are all clinking glasses filled with sparkling apple cider on New Year's Eve, don't forget to add building a better you to your list of resolutions. You and only you can make Owaneco Lodge truly great in 2008! I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the coming year. Happy New Year, let's make this one GREAT!!!

Yours In Brotherhood,

*Scott Backer*  
Lodge Chief

2007

**Winter Banquet!**  
**December 27th**  
**6:30-9:30**

**Great Food,  
and Great Fun!**

For more information,  
please contact Bob Cloutier  
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**Join Communica-  
tions Committee!**

The communications committee is responsible for the newsletter that gets put out 4 times a year. If you are interested in joining, please contact me at [Buono@owaneco.org](mailto:Buono@owaneco.org).

**Take pictures, write  
articles, and have fun!**



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## Arrow Corps 5!



You have the opportunity to take part in a once in a life high adventure trip to Bridger-Teton National Forest and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The 7 day trip promises to be an experience you will never forget.

For information in how you can take park please contact Chris McCloskey at: [mccloskey@owaneco.com](mailto:mccloskey@owaneco.com)

## Pay Your Dues!

It is time for all members of Owaneco Lodge to renew your dues for the 2008 year. With this month's mailing you received a form for paying your dues and gold pass registration for the 2008 year.

This year you can purchase a Gold Pass to all events for the year for only \$95. This includes your membership dues, entrance to all ordeals, plus the fellowship and the banquet at a \$15 savings off the regular price - you get one free ordeal weekend! You can choose whether you want to pay your dues, or buy a gold pass, but if you plan on attending all of the events, we recommend the gold pass!



## 3rd Annual Mid-Winter Dance!

### Dance Sessions

Saturday:  
12pm-4:30pm  
and  
6:30pm-10:00pm

Sunday  
11:00am-3:00pm

December 15-16, 2007  
Thomas Edison Middle School  
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