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An exciting night of brotherhood and recognitions.

NE-2A Conclave 2010

Owaneco Lodge will be hosting the NE-2A Conclave.

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Committee Information

Ever wonder who ran your ordeal? Maybe who ran the Ordeal ceremony?

Vigil Honor

7 members recieved the Vigil Honor

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

29- Winter Banquet 2009

April

23-25- April Ordeal

May

21-23- May Ordeal

June

11-13- NE-2A Conclave

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Brothers,

Over the past couple of months, Owaneco Lodge has gotten off to a very good start. At the September Ordeal, the lodge inducted about 60 new members to make the year's total about 225 new members. A number of brothers also sealed there membership in our Order through making the conversion to Brotherhood. The following weekend, the newly elected Lodge Officers had a productive weekend preparing for the upcoming year. After the weekend, the Lodge Officers attended a Council of Chiefs meeting in order to assist the Conclave in preparing for the upcoming year, specifically with Conclave. The most recent event was the Fall Fellowship, which was attended by just over 100 members. I would like to thank the entire youth and adult leadership of the Lodge for making this transition so easy and starting the year off on the right foot. I look forward to seeing many members at Lodge Leadership Development at the Hoyt Scout Cabin from October 24-25 and then at the Winter Banquet on December 29th. This will be a great year and the Lodge Leadership has the proper tools to do so!

WWW,

Andrew McCloskey
Lodge Chief

Dues Update

Membership dues for 2010 are being collected and this year there are 2 renewal options available to all Brothers who wish to remain in good standing with the Order of the Arrow.

Option 1: \$15 for the Owaneco Basic Membership

Option 2: \$100 for the Owaneco Gold Pass Membership

Gold Pass Membership includes dues and registration to all of the Ordeals, Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet.

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FALL FELLOWSHIP 2009

Fall Fellowship 2009 was held at Camp Sequassen. The theme of this year's Fellowship was the 'Mysterious Fellowship' The event from start to finish was nearly unknown to all involved. During the day on Saturday Brothers participated in game stations ranging from riflery to making a fire with 3 matches in 20 minutes to pumpkin carving, scavenger hunt, and an egg toss, where Events Committee Chairman Mat Buono and Achewon Chapter Chief Jesse Morrow were egged. Dinner Saturday night was accompanied by a dinner theater called 'Murder at the Blood Bank' where the audience was involved, Mrs. O'Brian was chosen as the first donor at the 'Blood Bank'



Mat Buono presents David Adler, President of Sikorsky Aerospace Services with a complete NOAC Sikorsky patch set at Camp Sikorsky.

CONCLAVE 2010

Owaneco Lodge is hosting service lodge for the NE-2A Conclave June 11-13, 2010 at our own Camp Sequassen. The challenge for the service lodge is to not only provide a weekend of both fun and training, but to make the 2010 Conclave one to remember as the Boy Scouts of America turns 100 in 2010. Owaneco must make this Conclave the best representation of this once in a lifetime milestone. To make this happen, Owaneco Lodge needs your help to plan and run the 2010 Conclave. To do so, contact David Slattery at Conclave@Owaneco.org.

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WINTER BANQUET

The Winter Banquet is an event Owaneco Lodge has held for 11 years for all its members to attend. The event marks the end of the year's events. There will be a silent auction, new trading post items, and much more more! The keynote speaker is Dr. Robert Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic and Bismark.

Banquet will be held on December 30th from 6:30-9:30 at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Fairfield. The cost is \$25 per person. To register go to Owaneco.org/register or use the form in this mailing. Registration is due by December 22nd

EVENT REGISTRATION ONLINE AT:
WWW.OWANECO.ORG/REGISTER

CHAPTER INFORMATION & UPDATES

Achewon

Chapter Chief: Jesse Morrow
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Chapter Advisor:
District: Sleeping Giant
Towns Served: Hamden, Meriden, North Haven, Wallingford, Southington
Meeting Location: Francis T. Maloney High School - Wallingford, CT
Meeting Date: 2nd Monday (September-June) 6:30PM

Achewon is looking forward to hosting the Lodge LLD on Oct. 23 and 24. We are expecting some great food and a lot of fun. It's not too late to sign-up if you want to attend a weekend of leadership training at the newly refurbished cabin at Camp Hoyt.



Arcoon

Chapter Chief: Nick MacAllistar
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District Wepawaug Valley
Towns Served: Bethany, Milford, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge
Meeting Location: Council Resource Center - Milford, CT (Directions)
Meeting Date: 1st Monday (September-June) - 7:30PM

We had two meetings so far this year in the OA season. Our goal for this year is chapter participation. From the first meeting to the second we had gained 5 more scouts. Our first meeting talked about the events that were happening and also what we wanted to do as a chapter. The events included the change in the Ordeal schedules. The importance of the Conclave in which our lodge will be hosting was discussed. We also discussed activities such as camping trips, & ski trips Our second meeting included a pizza party and a follow up of some of the details spoke about above.



Keewayden

Chapter Chief: Jason Van Leeuwen
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District: Lighthouse
Towns Served: Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, New Haven, North Branford
Meeting Location: North Branford High School
Meeting Date: 2nd Tuesday (September-May) - 7:30PM

The current Lodge Chief Andrew McCloskey and the past Lodge Chief and Current Section Chief Chris McCloskey are members of Keewayden. In addition the current Lodge Treasure Neil Harris is a member of Keewayden. 16 Keewayden members attended NOAC at Indiana University this past summer. Our chapters service assignment this year is the Winter Banquet. We look forward to helping to make it the best Winter Banquet ever. We are getting started with the busy election/troop visitation season. But we are not all work, we are planning some fun activities this year like bowling, biking and a day at the Sportsplex



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CHIEF POMPERAUG

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District: Pomperaug

Towns Served Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport

Meeting Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Trumbull, CT

Meeting Date: 2nd Tuesday (September-May) 7:30 PM

We just ran the fall fellowship, which was a great success. We are preparing for early unit elections. We are currently planning a tour of the Sikorsky Aircraft Plant in Stratford, CT. We are planning a movie night to celebrate the completion of unit elections, in March. We are planning on designing a new chapter patch.



VIGIL HONOR

Owaneco Lodge honored 7 outstanding arrowmen with the Vigil Honor this year. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its membership for service to the Lodge, Council and Scouting. This year Owaneco Lodge honored Mathew Balls, Mathew Buono, Brian Compton, William Hall, Jr., Timothy McCloskey, H. Elliot Netherton, Matthew Williams at the Fall Fellowship. These 7 arrowmen have given many hours of their time to our lodge and council.



SCATACOOK

Chapter Chief: Nick Wolf

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District: Scatacook

Towns Served: Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman

Meeting Location: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Bethel

Meeting Date: Second Wednesday of Every Month (September Through May) - 7:30PM

We we the host chapter at September Ordeal, John Bowlus he did an awesome job. We host the campfire at Scatacook Fall Camporee on October 17th. At the fire, we sang songs, acted out skits, and helped other troops get involved in the fun at the campfire. We are looking to plan to host a LAN PARTY to play video games and have fun all night long. It will take place inside a Plane Hanger at the Danbury Airport. In December, Unit Elections will begin.



CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

Ryan Kraus, Ceremonies Chairman

Owaneco Ceremonies, with several new members, is making great progress. New ceremonialists are learning the ceremony from more experienced members, learning the words as well as the symbolism and meaning behind them. The team is also working on a new set of regalia, which they hope will represent a new chapter in the team's history. The ceremonies team is currently preparing for the coming Section Conclave hosted by Owaneco, where they expect to participate in ceremonies evaluations with several other lodges. Some members are also working to organize the evaluations. Overall, the ceremonies team has experienced great progress and success in the past year, and hopes for continued improvement in the future.

**ALL UNIT ELECTIONS MUST BE
DONE BY FEB 15 CONTACT
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