Dear Brothers,

As many of you know, The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scout of America and only those who were selected by their unit are allowed to undertake the ordeal process. I would first like to congratulate all the new members on their induction into the Order of the Arrow. This is just the beginning of a great many years to come. There is so much to do and so many people to meet at upcoming meetings and events. In the next few months, we have a September Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, and Winter banquet where you can come for the weekend, meet new brothers, get involved, eat great food and have an awesome time. Information on all of these events is on our website www.owaneco.org as well as other important contact information for committee’s and lodge leadership. I do ask that you come to at least one of these upcoming events and see what the OA is really about; you won’t regret it.

There is only so much I can say in one letter, but again I would like to congratulate all the new members and the newly elected Vice Chiefs of our lodge. We really look forward to a great year and I hope to see you soon at our next event!

Yours in WWW,
Mat Buono
Lodge Chief

Brotherhood

Have you ever seen the brothers with bars on their sashes? Do you wish you could get those bars? The first step was to complete your ordeal. That means if you were at an Ordeal in 2009 or earlier, you’re eligible to proceed. Now, all you have to do is complete the Brotherhood process at one of the ordeals. Contact John Bowlus at bowlus@owaneco.org for more information!

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2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

by Michael Lano, Ordeal

After a departure ceremony on Friday, July 23rd, at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport, Conn. that was attended by elected officials from CT, all 11 Connecticut Yankee Council troops consisting of 445 Scouts and Scout Leaders headed to Fort Eustis in Virginia. The next two days consisted of a pre Jambooree tour of Busch Gardens, Norfolk Naval Station, and the Virginia Air and Space Center. Many Scouts were thinking that there was no way the Jamboree could top this. They were terribly mistaken.

This Jamboree each troop from the Connecticut Yankee Council was assigned a Sikorsky helicopter, my troop was the Sikorsky S-58. Our gateway looked like the S-58, complete with rotors, tail numbers, and a hanging door entrance. Some of the first activities I took part in were sailing and shotgun shooting with my friend Joe Gattilia. Although it poured for about half an hour during lunch (yes we got soaked) we still managed to have a great first day. Later in the week I attended Camp Thunder, which was sport-clay shooting from five different stations and then the Action Alley obstacle course, a full style Army Obstacle Course, with several other members of our troop.

Wednesday was the opening arena show for the Jambooree. The show began with Eagle Scouts Alex Boylan from the Amazing Race and Burton Roberts from Survivor choosing participants from the crowd to compete in various fun activities. After the National Anthem was performed by Broadway Star Natalie Weiss, three military jets flew over the crowd. Additionally U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team dropped in as well as the U.S. Air Force Drill Team.

Secretary of Defense and Eagle Scout Robert Gates was the keynote speaker and spoke about the role scouting plays in a person’s life. The Order of the Arrow’s National Chief Brad Lichota also helped to pen the Jamboree. The crowd of close to 50,000 warmly welcomed Mr. America 2010, Caressa Cameron to sing “America the Beautiful.”

We visited the Technology Quest, which included exhibits sponsored by National Geographic and NASA, who gave lessons to budding Scout photographers about taking great photos. The Lego Mindstorm had scouts build their own Lego Robots and compete against other Scouts with them. NASA presented their 3-D Experience trailer, which showed research exhibits, innovations and everyday technology as a result of NASA research, how shuttle missions are planned and even included a moon rock sample from the Apollo 17 Mission.

A highlight of my Jamboree experience was attending the Order of the Arrow’s Mysterium Compass. The Mysterium Compass began with a museum of Scouting History, which was open to both Scouts and Scout Leaders. Then, only Scouts were allowed to proceed into the

ACHEWON CHAPTER PICNIC A SUCCESS

Achewon Chapter participated in a couple successful events this spring like the Sleeping Giant Picnic. At the Sleeping Giant Camporee we helped with the Saturday Evening Show by serving as the color guard and leading a rededication ceremony for the 100th birthday of Scouting. The Achewon Chapter Picnic was an inter-chapter activity that was intended for free food, fellowship, and frisbee!

Also Achewon Chapter is looking forward to hosting the September Ordeal at Camp Pomperaug. Don’t miss the first Ordeal ever held by Owance 313 at Camp Pomperaug! We promise that it will be a lot of fun, and we hope to see you there.


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Do you want to write for the Observer? Do you have pictures from events? Email brown@owaneco.org

SEPTEMBER ORDEAL: THE BIG RETURN

by Bob Brown

The final ordeal for 2010 will take place from September 10 at 6:30pm until 11am on September 12 at Camp Pomperaug. This is the first time in over a decade that an Ordeal has been held at Pomperaug. Camp Pomperaug is in need of our service. Camp Pomperaug is leased out to the Connecticut Burns Foundation to host their summer camp for youths with severe burns. The Camp is located in Northeastern Connecticut in Union. Owance Lodge is committed to improving the camp and continuing to support the Connecticut Yankee Council’s camps. The host chapter is Achewon.

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Go to www.owaneco.org to find your chapter’s meeting location and time.

VIGIL HONOR NOMINATION

It is that time again, when we as Owance Lodge need to select a new class of Vigil Honor recipients. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that can be given to an arrowman. It is an honor given to those who have given of themselves in order to better Scouting, the Order of the Arrow, Connecticut Yankee Council, and Owance Lodge, and exemplifies the scout oath and law in everything that they do. It is an honor that is not earned, but rather is bestowed upon those found most worthy.

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It is the responsibility of all the members of Owance Lodge to see that those worthy are recognized. If you know of someone that you feel lives up to the high standards of the Vigil Honor, go to http://www.owaneco.org/forms, please fill it out and send it back in by December 15th. With your help we can ensure that the high standard of the Vigil Honor is preserved and that the most worthy are recognized.

by Chris McCloskey
main area, which combined games such as dodge-ball and obstacle courses with situations that tested morals and mental agility. The activity ended with 2 huge waterslides outside the arena. Owaneco Lodge several members play key role in Mysterium Compass including several acting roles.

On Saturday, over 80,000 Scouts, Scout Leaders and Visitors gathered together to celebrate Scouting’s 100th Anniversary with an epic arena show, called the ‘A Shining Light Across America Show’. The pre-show started with contests form the crowd, videos from scouts across the country and a performance by Scouts from Trinidad and Tobago. Then BSA Chief Executive Bob Mazzucca rappelled to the stage and the group Vocal Point sang Scouting’s History. After these amazing openers, the show got even better with Eagle Scout and Host of the Discovery Channel’s Dirty Jobs, Mike Rowe who rolled in on a CAT front loader and spoke about his scouting experiences and offered some amendments to the Scout Law; specifically the point about a Scout being clean. (see the picture of Owaneoc member John Bowlus with Mike Rowe) The show continued with a promotional video for the Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve and site of the 2013 Jamboree and performances from Honor Society and Switchfoot. The show concluded with the largest fireworks display on a military base.

From that point on, we continued to partake in the many activities the Jamboree had to offer. These experiences gave many of me the opportunity to experience new things, meet new people and enhance our Scouting careers and have new leadership experiences. The experiences we had and the memories we made will last a lifetime, and I cannot wait to attend the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. See You There!!!

Working on the 2010 National Jamboree Staff was possibly one of the coolest things I have been able to do since Arrow Corps 5. Being on staff I saw the jamboree from a whole other side. I was able to meet 30 of the coolest people and hung out with them every day for 2 weeks. The OA Service Corps was a lot of hard and dirty work but was a great time. Before the participants arrived we were preparing all of the sites and activities for the participants. Through out the Jamboee we were meeting people from all over patch trading and having a great time. Being a part of the 2010 National Jamboree OA Service Corps was a true honor.

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION AT JAMBOREE

Thanks to the effort and dedication of Vice-Chief of Inductions Ryan Kraus and Brotherhood Adviser Mr. O’Brien, 19 Owaneco Lodge Brothers completed their Brotherhood on Monday, August 2, while at Jamboree. They participated in a choice of service projects during the day and then completed the Brotherhood Quest in the afternoon. Following the CYC Contingent campfire, the candidates were led to a secluded area behind our subcamp for the ceremony which was conducted by the Ceremonies Team. The experience was a memorable one for all and provided an opportunity for rededication to the ideals of the Brotherhood for the dozen Brotherhood members who attended in support of their fellow Scouts. Congratulations to our new Brotherhood members.