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INSIDE THE OBSERVER

Winter Banquet

This year's Winter Banquet will be held on December 28th! More details inside.

Fall Fellowship

Keywaden hosted this year's Fall Fellowship. Read more about the fun weekend!

Lodge Leadership Development

Owaneco Lodge held it's annual training event called the Lodge Leadership Development or LLD

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

28- Winter Banquet

May

6-8 May Ordeal, Dear Lake

June

3-5 June Ordeal, Camp Sequassen

Date TBD- Section NE-2A Conclave

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

I would like to congratulate all of the new arrowmen who have entered our brotherhood this year as well as those who have sealed their membership in becoming brotherhood. I would also like to thank those who attended the Lodge Leadership Development and the Fall Fellowship weekend. As we reflect on those events, I encourage you to look forward at the upcoming events specifically the Winter Banquet. This is personally my favorite event as many arrowmen of all ages attend.

This year ahead of us gives an opportunity to bring our lodge to new heights, however the most important part of achieving this goal is your participation. Get active on the chapter level and attend meetings, take a roll in planning an event, or even join a committee. We are always looking for new members to become involved.

I challenge you not only for you to become more active in the lodge but bring a friend with you and get them involved too. Stay up to date with the events of the chapter and research some history of our lodge on Owaneco.org.

Have a joyous holiday season and a Happy Near Year. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Winter Banquet. Until then, remember "he who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest."

Yours in WWW,
Mathew Buono

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION AND TRADING POST INFO

Over the past 2 years Owaneco Lodge has been encouraging all members to register for events or buy trading post items online. Next year Owaneco Lodge will no longer be sending registration forms for events to members. All registration will be done through the Connecticut Yankee Council's WebPay system (or you can download a paper form). In addition this mailing has some trading post items you can special order, these items are only available online or in person at the trading post. This change will help reduce the amount of paper we send out in each mailing and it will reduce the amount of time required by the council's support staff processing our mail. We also hope this will encourage event preregistration because it is made easier for you to register for an event.



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CHAPTER UPDATES

KEEWAYDEN

by Michael Brainerd

Keewayden had a great time coordinating the Fall Fellowship in October. Our very own Andrew McCloskey also ran the LLD, which was full of fun, learning, food, and a patch of course. We are eager to start Unit Elections as soon as possible.

SCATACOOK

by Nick Wolf

Anyone who attended the Scatacook District Camporee in October knows that when it comes to hosting a campfire, you can't top the brilliant minds of Nick Wolf and John Bowlus. Along with the help of other Scatacook Chapter members of Owaneco, this year's Saturday night campfire at the camporee was one that the district will never forget. And if that wasn't good enough, the two went on to MC the Council's 100th Anniversary Closing Campfire Celebration amongst the other districts via the magic of streaming technology.

Scatacook will host its annual LAN Party in December! If you have a friend in a Venture Crew, tell them they can come to! Anyone in the Order of the Arrow or a Venture Crew is invited to Scatacook's best event of the year! More details in the ad on the last page!

ARCOON

by Patrick Abbazia

At the October meeting we had a pizza party. Our meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:30 at the Council Offices.

Do you want to write for the Observer?

Do you have pictures from events?

Email brown@owaneco.org

CHIEF POMPERAUG

by Stephen de los Santos

Hello all new members to Owaneco Lodge and to Chief Pomperaug Chapter, which serves the towns of: Bridgeport, Fairfield, Trumbull, Stratford, Weston, Monroe, and Westport. Chief Pomperaug Chapter is always looking for new faces at our meetings which are on the second Tuesday of every month at 30 Bonnie View Dr., Trumbull, CT at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. And if you can't make it to our meetings, feel free to come to our chapter fun days that we plan periodically, the next one being a bowling afternoon at Nutmeg Bowling in Trumbull on November 28. So I encourage all of you reading this to get involved in the chapter, come to a fun day, and I promise you'll have a good time. If you want some more information about anything at all you can message me, Stephen De Los Santos, your chapter chief, at delossantos4193@gmail.com.



LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (LLD)

By Andrew McCloskey

The 2010 Owaneco Lodge Leadership Development weekend was a huge success. The LLD was held at the new Al Halliwell Training Center at Deer Lake from October 22nd to the 23rd. Around 30 Arrowmen filtered in and out throughout the weekend and all were eager to learn more about how they can lead more effectively in the Order of the Arrow and in Boy Scouting. Owaneco welcomed Section NE-2A Chief Loren Murphy and Vice Chief Peter Sauriol who all taught training cells. As well as Section NE-7A Chief Greg Gounardes who taught a training cell. Topics that were covered ranged from Section, Region and National Events to Creating a Lodge Vision to the Role of Adults in the OA to Recognition Programs. Much was learned and a new class of leaders came out of this year's LLD. In addition to training, those who attended enjoyed much food, much fun and much fellowship. The weekend was FREE, so how could it get much better than that? Not to mention, for completing the training curriculum, each graduate received a patch. Not too bad for a weekend spent with your fellow Arrowmen. It is very important that the leaders of today, train the leaders of tomorrow. If knowledge is not passed down to the next generation of leaders, then our program will no longer be effective. You are now trained Arrowmen. Use your newly acquired knowledge to better the Lodge and Council. Do not let it go to waste!



Photo by Bill Chin

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

FALL FELLOWSHIP 2010

by Michael Brainerd

We had a good turnout of people and the beginning game of Musical Chairs was a great icebreaker. Throughout the weekend, there were fun activities like Three "Tribe" Capture-the-Flag and a Stick Relay. We also had a good amount of cheerful service picking up the old wood shingles at the English Dining Hall and stacking wood on both sides of Sequassen. And, of course, thanks to our amazing co-head chefs Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Barrett, there was amazing food; quoted from numerous Arrowmen as, "The best food at an OA event. Ever." So all-in-all, it was a huge success.



SUMMIT CORP *NOT YOUR AVERAGE SERVICE PROJECT*

by Michael Lano

Arrowmen: here is your opportunity to participate in a service project like no other. This summer, the Order of the Arrow, in conjunction with the National Parks Service, is giving Arrowmen the opportunity to experience a "Service Adventure", which will allow participants to partake in cheerful service and high adventure. Similar to ArrowCorps5, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to partake in what the Order of the Arrow is best known for: trail improvements. There will be four different sessions during the month of July, giving Arrowmen the opportunity to make improvements to the Garden Grand Trail and Bike Trail at the New River Gorge National River. The project will bring together the New River Gorge National River area, and the location of the BSA's newest High Adventure Base and site of the National Jamboree; The Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve. After all of the back-breaking labor involved with the project is completed, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to reap the benefits of the New River National Gorge Area; including white water rafting, climbing, hiking, and biking. To find out more about the SummitCorps experience, go to: <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/summitcorps2011>.

WINTER BANQUET

This year's Winter Banquet will be held at the Our Lady of Assumption Church in Fairfield on December 28, 2010 from 6:30- 9:30. The cost is \$30 per person. In the event of snow, the snow date is December 29th. The guest speaker is Ed Sarabia, Indian Affairs Coordinator for the State of Connecticut. If you are only attending the lodge business meeting, please arrive at 8:15. Registration by mail is due by December 20th. Owaneco Lodge encourages you to register online at www.owaneco.org/register.

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!



Do have a question for Owaneco
Lodge?

Is there a question that you want answered but want to ask it
anonymously?

Email

Ask@Owaneco.org

The new Ask Owaneco section in the
Owaneco Observer and Owaneco.org

Come to...
SCATACOOK DISTRICT
LAN PARTY

Start time: 3pm Saturday, December 11
End time: 11pm Saturday, December 11
Cost: \$3.00 (Just bring a food item to share)
Location: "Civil Air Patrol Hangar" at the Danbury Airport
(Across from Cooper Mulch) — 21 Miry Brook Rd; Danbury, CT

Come to the Scatacook District LAN PARTY! Stay for an hour; or stay for the night! Bring your TV's, Monitors, Computers, Video Game Consoles & Electronics to this massive night of fun!

VIDEOS GAMES

PlayStation
Wii

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