
Owaneco Lodge 313

NEW MEMBER'S GUIDE



2011-2012

**Looking to the Past, Preparing
for the Future**

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This Book Is Dedicated To All Members Of:

Arcoon Lodge #369

Chi Sigma Lodge #369

Tankiteke Lodge #313

Chief Pomperaug Lodge #408

Mauwehu Lodge #389

Wangunks Lodge #274

Ponus Lodge #521

And The Past, Present, And Future Members Of Owaneco Lodge #313



**Owaneco Lodge 313, Order of the Arrow
Connecticut Yankee Council,
Boy Scouts Of America**

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My Brothers,

Let me be the first to welcome you to Owaneco Lodge 313! I would like to take this opportunity to discuss our lodge and the many opportunities that is has available for you.

Congratulations on completing your Ordeal. You have experienced a weekend of scant food, silence and cheerful service, however, your journey in the Order of the Arrow has only just begun. It is now time for you to continue your cheerful service as a member of Owaneco Lodge. This journey will be a very different experience that can greatly change from each of our events. Some events you might see yourself being in charge of, while at other events you might partake in some of the many lodge duties to get the event up and running. One thing is for sure, and that is that you will have fun at each of the Lodge's events when you're with your fellow arrowman. In the Lodge we emphasize many things; one of them being, the three F's. Food, Fun & Fellowship. All of which, you will experience at every lodge event.

There are unlimited opportunities to provide cheerful service and experience the brotherhood that is the foundation of our order. It is now time for you to "observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow". This is done by staying active in your lodge and chapter by attending meetings and events. Another great way to stay involved is becoming apart of an Owaneco Committee, which there are over a dozen of. There are no excuses why you will not be able to stay active in Owaneco Lodge for there is a lot this lodge can offer to you, and there is a lot you can offer the lodge. It is now time for you, to do the most important thing you can possible do in our order, which is, stay active.

As a new member, you may ask yourself, "How can I join a committee or go to an event if I don't know anybody?". The answer is simple, for it has been asked throughout the years - even by me. When you were pledged into our order you promised to "Regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow". The brotherhood you will experience on a committee or at any event will be overflowing with Friendship, not one brother in this lodge is left friendless. You will build up your brotherhood and friendship with our fellow members, and before you know it, you will know most of the people in the lodge.

Throughout your continuing journey in our order if you have any questions whatsoever, feel free to email me. I hope to see you remain active in our lodge, and attend as many events as you can for the more brothers we have at events, the better fellowship there is for us all.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nick Wolf
Lodge Chief

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COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Awards: The awards committee is responsible for bestowing the Founder's Award and James E. West on those worthy Arrowman.

Brotherhood: The brotherhood committee is responsible for educating and informing those Ordeal members who have been members for at least 10 months of the brotherhood opportunity.

Camp Promotions: The camp promotions committee is responsible for promoting the Council camps, year round camping, and providing information on camping locations for Council units.

Ceremonies: The ceremonies committee is responsible for performing the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor ceremonies.

Communications: The Communications Committee is responsible for distributing 4 Lodge newsletters and updating the Lodge website: [owaneco.org](http://www.owaneco.org).

Cub Scouting: The cub scouting committee is responsible for coordinating and supporting the OA involvement in the Council's Cub Scouting program.

Dance Team: The dance team is responsible for performing and the education of the Native American culture.

Elangomat: The elangomat committee is responsible for providing and training elangomats for ordeal weekends.

Events: The events committee is responsible for programming 3 Ordeals, 1 Fellowship, and 1 Winter Banquet.

Membership: The membership committee is responsible for event registration and keeping lodge records.

Service: The service committee is responsible for coordinating all lodge service efforts.

Trading Post: The trading post committee is responsible for selling and buying approved Lodge merchandise.

Training: The training committee is responsible for the Lodge Leadership Development weekend.

Troop Representative: The troop representative committee is responsible for providing and training troop representatives for all Council units.

Unit Elections: The unit elections committee is responsible for coordinating unit elections throughout the Council units.

Join a Lodge Committee today and get involved.



All chairmen and adviser names and email addresses are available on the lodge website: <http://www.owaneco.org>.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE OA HANDBOOK

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OWANECO LODGE EVENTS

May Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend: Held at Deer Lake, this is the first chance for a candidate to become a member, and those who have been Ordeal members for over ten months have a chance to seal his membership as Brotherhood members. All members have a chance to help in service to the camp, while sharing in the Brotherhood and Cheerfulness that are hallmarks of Owaneco Lodge 313.

June Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend/Vigil Honor Weekend: Held at Camp Sequassen, this is the second chance candidates have to become members. Ordeal members have a chance to seal his membership as Brotherhood members. Distinguished Brotherhood members are bestowed the Vigil Honor. Also, the annual lodge and chapter elections take place.

September Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend: Held at Camp Pomperaug, this is the last chance for a candidate to become a member, otherwise, he will need to be elected again by his troop next year. Also Ordeal members have a chance to seal his membership as Brotherhood members.

Fall Fellowship: Held at Deer Lake in October, the Fall Fellowship is the most fun event of the year. Everyone is engaged in events from themed meals to patch trading, to volleyball and Frisbee, to the Saturday night show.

Winter Banquet: Held in the week after Christmas, the Lodge gathers one evening for a banquet involving dinner and the annual business meeting.

OA Day: Held at Camp Sequassen every Tuesday during Camp. All brothers are encouraged to attend for service, ice cream, fun and those who have been Ordeal members for over ten months have a chance to seal his membership as Brotherhood members.



OTHER OA EVENTS

Section Conclave: Each Summer, a different lodge in the section hosts a conclave, where all the lodges of the section meet to trade ideas, patches, and to take part in lodge competitions. Also the annual section election is held.

National Order of the Arrow Conference: The NOAC is held every several years on a major university campus. Members of every lodge across the nation come together to train, work on ceremonies and dancing, and improve their own lodges. It is comparable to a National Jamboree.

THE JOURNEY TO BROTHERHOOD

Having completed the first steps of your Ordeal, you are now continuing on your “long and toilsome journey.” The next step comes in **10 months**, when you are eligible to become a Brotherhood member in the order and seal you bonds.

The Brotherhood process in our Lodge is very simple. Through your 10 months, you will learn and encounter the tests of the Ordeal in your daily life. You will come to appreciate the skills that Scouting and the Ordeal have taught you. At the next Ordeal Weekend after your 10 months have past, you are eligible to become a full member in the Order. There are only a few requirements, and you will come to complete them over the next few months.

- Memorize the signs of Arrow membership. Memorize the Obligation, the Song, the handclasp, and the admonition.
- Further your knowledge of the Ordeal. Learn about the Ordeal which you passed through, such as the four tests and the principles.
- Bring a letter with you to camp, or write it there, to the Lodge Secretary, explaining:
 - What the Obligation means to you.
 - How you are living the Obligation in your troop.
 - How you have used your understanding to help you.
 - Describe your plans for service to the Lodge or Chapter in the future

All of this information is easily found in your Order of the Arrow Handbook. Fear not, if you don't know something, or don't understand it, it's OK. Ask someone who is a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor member for help. They can be of great assistance. Next year, you'll have 3 chances to become a Brotherhood member, at the May, June, and September Ordeal weekends. The dates will be published at the start of the year.

Congratulations on completing your Ordeal, we hope to see you back at camp to seal your bonds as a Brotherhood member.



THE TROOP VS. THE OA

By Man-A-Hattin Lodge #82



There appears to be a great misconception that a Scout can not possibly be an active participant in the Order of the Arrow and at the same time a contributing member of his Troop. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is no power struggle between regular scouting activities and the OA. The goal of the Order is to improve Scouting, NOT detract from individual Troops.

“Since Bob Scout joined the OA, we never see him at troop functions anymore,” says Dan, the disappointed Scoutmaster. “It’s a shame we lost Bob to the O.A., he had so much to offer to our unit.” Statements like these are all too common, not to mention true.

Arrowmen, remember why your fellow Scouts chose you to join the Order. You have been chosen for the service you are expected to give your home Troop, district, council, and the Boy Scouts of America.

“Hey, remember Scout Kareem?” asks Able Vice Chief. “He had so much enthusiasm during his Ordeal I had high expectations for him in the Lodge. It’s too bad we never saw him after the Ordeal.” It is an unfortunate fact of our brotherhood that some Scouts are never seen after their Ordeal. For many Scouts, election to the Order of the Arrow is merely an opportunity to get another patch for his uniform. Once membership has been attained, he returns to his troop, never to be seen again.

It is the patch/sash-seeking Scout that does the greatest disservice to his home unit. The same Scout does a disservice to the Lodge. The O.A. is not merely one weekend of commitment. The ideal Arrowman is a Scout participates in both lodge and Troop activities.

The Order of the Arrow can be and should be a great benefit to your home Troop. Your brothers in the Lodge are a vast resource. The O.A. is a wasted resource, until utilized you and your troop.

By joining together and working as a group, we accomplish far more than we could as individuals. Many Lodge projects directly benefit individual Troops, Districts, and communities. The Lodge only has a few events during the year. In a few weekends we can do a world of good.

Above all remember, “...Those who chose you need you...”.

UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA

WEARING A UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA

As a pace setter in Scouting, each Arrowman should set the example by proper wearing of the Scout or Explorer uniform.



The Official Insignia of the Order of the Arrow are some of the most colorful in Scouting. It is the responsibility of all Arrowmen to wear them proudly and correctly.

All sashes are worn with the arrow pointing over the right shoulder. Allowat Sakima: "Wear the sash, therefore, over you right shoulder with the head pointing upward as a token of your new obligation to lead in cheerful service." Sashes may not be altered in any way, and no other badges are to be worn on them, with the exception of the 50th Anniversary Award and the 60th Anniversary Bicentennial Award. The Arrow sash is worn at Order of the Arrow functions and at special Scouting functions such as court of honors. It is not to be worn at troop meetings. The sash is only worn when members need to be identified for rendering special services.

Any other items, including "sash backs" are not authorized for wear. No pins have ever seen authorized for wear on the sash.

The Order of the Arrow has adopted the jac-shirt as its official jacket, and members may wear the 6-inch National Order of the Arrow patch centered on the back. The large NESAs, jamboree, and international participation emblems are approved to be worn on the back of the jacket. Only ONE such emblem may be worn at a time. In all cases, the lightweight jacket is an alternate for the jac-shirt, and this insignia may be worn on it the same way.

THE LODGE POCKET PATCH

This insignia is authorized by the Boy Scouts of America to be worn only by OA lodge members on the right pocket flap. It serves a similar purpose as does the Council Shoulder Patch, that is, to identify a Scout or Scouter as an active member of a particular lodge. As with the Council Shoulder Patch there are no restrictions to any Arrowman. The lodge, if it elects to use the pocket patch, designs and approves one patch and makes it available for wear by all members. There is to be only one Lodge Pocket Patch for all classes of members. It is contrary to the purpose and philosophy of the Order to use the pocket patch to distinguish different classes of Arrow membership or officer groupings. It is the policy of the National Committee that the pocket patch be so designed that it be no larger than the pocket flap and that it not have feathers or any other part of the design which would hang or extend below the bottom of the pocket flap.



Lodges are advised that the National Order of the Arrow Committee recommends that no restrictions be placed on lodge emblems.

THE BEAD SYSTEM

Yellow	To be given to each new Ordeal member on his induction.
Translucent Yellow	To be given to each new Brotherhood member on his induction.
Black	To be given to each new Vigil member on his induction.
Orange	Given to members for every ceremony he/she attends. Not to be given to Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil members on their induction.
Translucent Orange	Given to members who take an active role in a ceremony, such as a speaking part, guide, or torchbearer. Not for helping make fires, clean-up, or other duties. Not for adults.
Dark Red	For attending regularly scheduled meetings of the chapter.
Translucent Red	For attending regularly scheduled meetings of the lodge.
Dark Blue	For being an appointed member of one of the operating committees of the chapter. Not for adults.
Translucent Dark Blue	For being an appointed member of one of the operating committees of the lodge. Not for adults.
Light Blue	For an elected chapter officer. Not for adults.
Translucent Light Blue	For an elected lodge officer. Not for adults.
Brown	For attending a section, area, or regional OA conclave or conference.
Translucent Brown	For attending a national OA conference.
Green	One for each winter banquet attended.
Translucent Green	One for each fellowship attended.
White	One for each year of paid membership.



OWANECO LODGE FLAP



Designed by a group of former Lodge Chiefs, the Owaneco Lodge 313 Lodge Flap contains a lot of history and meaning. It should be a patch that all Lodge members should be proud to wear on their uniform. Below is a list of some of the objects that contain significant meaning:

Owaneco - The official Lodge Totem is a representation of Owaneco, second Sachem of the Mohegan Tribe, wearing a wolf headress.

Two Feathers - Two feathers are located in Owaneco's wolf headress. One feather represents Tankiteke Lodge 313, and the other represents Arcoon Lodge 369. These two Lodges merged to form Owaneco Lodge 313. It is only right to remember and recognize these two Lodges for the role each played in the formation of our Lodge.

Fire of Cheerfulness - A fire is kept on the mountain cliff to symbolize the Fire of Cheerfulness that burns inside every Arrowman. The Fire should remind us all to provide leadership in service to others. May the Fire of Cheerfulness burn brightly in each of our hearts.

Wolf - To honor Owaneco as the leader of the Wolf clan of the Mohegan tribe, a wolf can be seen on the mountain cliff.

OWANECO LODGE HISTORY

When the Connecticut Yankee Council was formed in January 1998, OA members from the two former Council Lodges (Tankiteke 313 and Arcoon 369) formed a lodge steering committee. A total of six meetings were needed to complete the merger between the two Lodges. At their first meeting on February 14, 1998, basic structure of the Lodge was discussed and another meeting was scheduled for March 22. During the second meeting, the committee focused on Committee responsibilities. The third meeting (May 4) the committee made plans for a joint June Ordeal and briefly discussed bylaws and Lodge names. A name was agreed upon during the fourth meeting (August 14) where the committee decided that there would be one Fellowship instead of two separate ones. Bylaws were also written and finalized. At the fifth meeting (August 23), the committee planned the Fall Fellowship and discussed what events the new Lodge would hold. During the final meeting (September 20), the committee made finishing touches on the Fellowship plans.

The 1998 Fall Fellowship "In the Morning of a New Day" would serve to be the first event as one Lodge. During the weekend, members of both Lodges enjoyed food, fun, games, fellowship, and brotherhood. On Sunday October 4, 1998, Owaneco Lodge 313 was born. This historic event took place during the first Lodge meeting where the Lodge membership approved the Lodge Name, Number, and Bylaws. The first group of Lodge Officers were also selected at that time. Garland Jackson was elected Lodge Chief. Chapters remained the same within the Lodge to make a total of seven: Aschewon (Sleeping Giant District), Keewayden (Lighthouse District), Ockenuck (Wepawaug Valley District), Pequot (Nutmeg District), Powahay (Powahay District), Saganaw (Saganaw District), and Scatacook (Scatacook District).

During the Lodge's first year the Executive Committee worked to mold the new Lodge program. Several changes were made by the Lodge's Executive Committee to combine the traditions of Tankiteke and Arcoon and adapt a new Lodge program. It was also during 1998 when Ockenuck Chapter re-named itself to the Arcoon Chapter. On the Section level, Jeff Berkowitz was elected as the Section NE-3A Vice Chief and Adam Fromm was elected as the Section Secretary. Jeff later finished the year as the Section Chief when the position became vacant.

The 1999-2000 Lodge year began with the election of Eric Boehm to the position of Lodge Chief at the 1999 June Ordeal. Mr. Ralph Deer also replaced Mr. Bill Fromm as the Lodge Adviser. The Lodge continued to sharpen and make changes to the Lodge program. At the Section NE-3A Conclave, Bill Chin was elected as the Section Vice Chief. The Lodge sent two youths and an adult to the first ever National Leadership Summit at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. Lodge Chiefs and other youth officers from all across the country met to discuss and plan the National Order of the Arrow program. Bill Chin also attended the event and represented the Section. During the year, seven Chapters became six when Pequot (Nutmeg) and Saganaw (Saganaw) combined to form the new Chief Pomperaug Chapter (Pomperaug District). It was also during the 1999 year that Owaneco Lodge achieved "Honor Lodge" for the first time in its short history.

In the 2000-2001 Lodge year, Damien Becroft was selected to serve as Lodge Chief at the June Ordeal. In the summer of 2000, the Lodge went to its first National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Tennessee. The Lodge sent a spirited contingent of 16 youth, 6 adults, and 3 youth staff members to the Conference. The Ceremonies Team comprised of Mike McCann, Bob Kravecs, Michael Card, and Rob Emerson was awarded National "Honor" status for their performance in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Bill Chin was also awarded "Honor" status for his performance in the Vigil Honor Ceremony. Later in the year, the Lodge donated \$7500 for the construction of new latrines at Camp Sequassen. The Executive Committee also decided to switch the Fall Fellowship and May Ordeal weekends. This switch was made in order to give Ordeal candidates more time to prepare for their Ordeal weekend after their Call Out ceremony during the Spring Camporees. The Lodge's first Spring Fellowship weekend was held in May of 2001.

The 2001-2002 Lodge year saw the election of Bob Kravecs as Owaneco's fourth Lodge Chief. The phrase, "Catch the Higher Vision," was chosen as the theme for the year. The Lodge focused on increasing active membership and improving Lodge events. In addition the Lodge Officers worked to strengthen the core committees of the Lodge. The Lodge sent its first contingent to a National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill.

In June of 2002, Bob Kravecs was re-elected as Lodge Chief, making him the Lodge's first multiple term Lodge Chief. The theme, "For He Who Serves His Fellows is of All His Fellows Greatest," was selected as the theme for the year. The Lodge focused on building the Chapter and Lodge program, increasing Brotherhood conversion, and giving financial support to the Council. In the summer of 2002, a contingent of 13 youth, 5 adults, 4 youth staff, and 3 adult staff members went to the campus of Indiana University for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Several awards and recognitions were presented at the Winter Banquet. James E. West Fellowships were given to Michael Card for his work on the lodge website and Mr. Robert Cloutier for revamping the membership committee. The Founders' Award was also bestowed upon Bob Kravecs III and Mr. Ralph Deer for their exceptional service. The Lodge also attained Honor Lodge status for the first time in its short history.

Robert Anstett was elected as Lodge Chief at the June 2003 Lodge Business Meeting. Robert's leadership redeveloped Owaneco and brought the organization "Onward and Upward" as the Lodge celebrated the 5th Anniversary. At the June 2003 Ordeal, Mr. Ralph Deer stepped down as Lodge Advisor after 4 years of service in that position. Mr. Mark Clark was announced as his replacement. In the summer of 2003, a contingent of 6 youth, 5 adults, and 2 youth staff traveled to North Carolina for Indian Summer. Also in the Summer of 2003, Owaneco implemented its "OA Day" program at Camp Sequassen resident camp. This program increased brotherhood conversion and raised significant funds for both the lodge and camp. Shortly after, Owaneco dazzled Section NE-2C as they hosted a "Lights, Camera, Conclave" weekend. Michael Card served as Conclave Coordinator and brought Owaneco together to provide unprecedented program, activities, and shows to the section. At the conclave, former lodge chief Bob Kravecs was elected to serve as the 2005-2004 Section Chief and Kevin Sylvester to serve as Section Secretary. The Lodge also undertook the responsibility of painting the council office, which provided an opportunity to directly serve the council. At the 2003 Winter Banquet the Founder's Award was presented to Dr. Robert Kravecs Jr. and Michael Card. Brian Golrick and Kevin Sylvester were given the James E. West Fellowship Award for implementing the OA Day program at Camp Sequassen. Robert's term as Lodge Chief proved to be successful as he brought the lodge closer with the Council.

In June of 2004, Kevin Sylvester was elected to serve as Lodge Chief. Kevin choose the phrase "Continue Faithfully to Serve" for the theme of the year. In the summer of 2004, Owaneco sent its largest contingent to NOAC at Iowa State University in Ames, IA comprised of 25 youth, 20 adults, 3 youth staffers, and 4 adult staffers. Owaneco's "Quinnipiac Dancers" placed third nationally as they competed in the group competition. Daniel Fagan also competed in the Fancy Dance Individual Dance competition and placed in the top ten nationally, allowing him to dance at the NOAC Native American show. The lodge singing group composed of Tyler White, Russel Olsen, Daniel Velazquez, and David Pabist placed second nationally in the Northern Style Drum Competition. As a lodge, Owaneco came away NOAC as first place winners in the National Frisbee competition. The ceremonies team comprised of David Chick, Charles Johnson, Sean Murphy, and Kevin Sylvester were awarded National "Honor" status for their performance in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. In August, Owaneco attended the 2004 Conclave where Kevin Sylvester was elected to serve as Section Chief and John Chick was charged to serve as Section Vice-Chief. In accordance with the Field Operations Guide, Kevin resigned as Lodge Chief and Drew Sansevero was chosen to serve the remainder of the term. At the 2004 Winter Banquet, the Founder's Award was presented to Robert Anstett and Kevin Sylvester. The James E. West Fellowship Award was presented to Edward Wolf Jr. for improving lodge and section communication. The 2004 year concluded by improving chapter involvement, service to the community, and assisting the Council as they prepare for the National Jamboree.

In June of 2005, Charles Johnson was elected Lodge Chief and Mr. David Chick was appointed Lodge Advisor. Charlie and Dave worked to strengthen the Lodge Executive Committee and improve service to the council camps. In 2005, Owaneco introduced an Officer's Retreat weekend to its program to better build the team of officers. In the summer, the Lodge sent its second contingent to the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill. On the Section level, Kevin Sylvester was re-elected Section Chief for a second term. During Charlie's term, the Lodge also supported help service the Council's Extravaganza event, strengthening Council and Lodge relations. At the 2005 Winter Banquet, Ed Wolf Jr. and Bill Chin was presented the Founder's Award. Chris Fagan, for his years of service as dance team advisor, was given the James E. West Award.

During the 2006 Business Meeting, Andrew Vill was elected to serve as Lodge Chief. Andy's goals for their include community service projects, Executive Committee accountability, and improving lodge events.

In June of 2007, Scott Backer was elected Lodge Chief. On the adult side, Mr. Bill Chin was appointed as Lodge Adviser. "Be, Know, Do" was chosen by Scott to guide the Lodge during his term. Scott's term focused on inter-chapter activities and preparing for the Lodge's 10th Anniversary. During Scott's term, the Lodge supported the Council's can tab collection effort to support Habitat for Humanity. A redesigned Lodge webpage was launched and an online Unit Elections system was created to allow Troops to schedule elections. In the summer of 2007, the Lodge sent a small, yet enthusiastic contingent to the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. The contingent was comprised of 5 youth, 2 adults and 2 staff. At the Section Conclave, Chris McCloskey was elected to the position of Section Secretary. At the 2007 Winter Banquet, Zachariah Silver and Mr. Chuck Figlar were presented the Founder's Award. Mr. David Chick Sr. was presented the James E. West award for his service as Lodge Adviser. Owaneco Lodge achieved the National Quality Lodge Award for 2007.

In June of 2008, Christopher McCloskey was elected Lodge Chief. With the Lodge's 10th Anniversary in mind, Chris selected the theme "Looking to the Past, Preparing the Future" for the year. Chris' goals included building strength among the Lodge Committees, writing a Lodge Plan Book, improving the Unit Elections process, and celebrating the Lodge's 10th Anniversary. In the summer, Owaneco Lodge participated in ArrowCorps⁵. Owaneco Lodge was recognized as an ArrowCorps⁵ Trailblazer by sending a total of 32 participants to the program. Our contingent was among top ten contingent sizes nationally. The Lodge sent a contingent of 31 members (19 youth/9 adults/2 staff) to the project at Bridger-Teton National Forest. Lodge members also participated in the Manti-La Sal National Forest project (1 staff) and Mark Twain National Forest (1 participant). At the Section Conclave, Christopher McCloskey was elected to serve as Section Vice Chief. After the Section realignment, he was appointed to the position of Acting Section Chief to fill the vacant position. In October, the Lodge celebrated its 10th Anniversary at a large Fellowship at Deer Lake. A new online event registration system was added to the Lodge webpage. At the annual Winter Banquet, Mr. Robert Cloutier was presented with the Founder's Award for his dedicated service as Membership Adviser. Christopher McCloskey was presented with the James E. West Award for his leadership as the ArrowCorps⁵ Contingent Coordinator. Owaneco Lodge also earned the National Quality Lodge Award for 2008. In May of 2009, the Lodge coordinated two major program areas in support of the Council's ConnJam event. The Dance Team organized an Indian Village and the Lodge organized a show called "The Echo Project." The Echo Project was an original production that highlighted important events from Scouting's past and challenged participants to write the next chapters in Scouting's future.

Andrew McCloskey was elected as Lodge Chief in June of 2009. Andrew's goals included supporting and promoting OA High Adventure and preparing to host the 2010 Section NE-2A Conclave. In June at the Section Conclave, Christopher McCloskey was elected to the position of Section Chief. In the summer of 2009, 58 members (31 youth/20 adults/7 staff) attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. At the Winter Banquet Mat Bouno was awarded the James E. West while Christopher McCloskey was awarded the Founders Award.

In May of 2010, Mat Buono was elected Lodge Chief as well as a new adviser came along. Mr. Bob Cloutier, previously the membership committee adviser, took the adviser position of Owaneco Lodge. Shortly after, Owaneco hosted Section NE-2A as they hosted the 2010 Conclave at Camp Sequassen. This year, they explored new boundaries and held an Owaneco first; an Ordeal at Camp Pomperaug in Union, CT. Owaneco also sent their third contingent to a National Jamboree this year. At the 2010 Winter Banquet, Mr. Tom O'Brien was presented with the Founder's Award for his dedicated services to Scatacook District, the Ceremonies Team, Trading Post and Brotherhood Committee. In addition, Mr. Lloyd Gallup was presented with the James E. West award for his leadership as the 2010 Conclave Adviser.

Nick Wolf was elected Lodge Chief in June 2011. A week later, at the 2011 Conclave, Owaneco's very own Dan Gallup was elected as Section Vice-Chief and Neil Harris was elected as Section Secretary. In addition, former Owaneco Lodge Adviser Mr. Bill Chin was appointed to be the new Section NE-2A Section Adviser. In the summer 2011, 22 members (9 youth/9 adults/4 staff) attended Indian Summer in North Carolina. In addition, 9 members (5 youth/4 adults) took part in Summit Corps, a work project that help construct the sight of the future National Jamboree site in West Virginia known as The Summit.

