



## A Letter from the Lodge Chief

Brothers,

First, I would like to congratulate our brothers who sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow during Resident Camp at Camp Sequassen by completing the Brotherhood induction process. As Allowat says, "You are now the chiefs, you are the leaders," and we can't wait to see what you have in store for us.

As we enter the new year, I want to share how I'm looking at the lodge, it's a different angle than most. Look at your lodge flap and imagine standing next to the wolf and Chief Owaneco. For years we have looked at that view from the same angle into that beautiful valley, not aspiring to see it from a new direction. My goal for the lodge is for you to look beyond the horizon and

see what new adventures lay beyond that. Look into the rising sun and strive to reach, challenge yourself to make a brighter future for our lodge.

This year stop to give a helping hand, kindle the fire of cheerfulness in all of us and unite the lodge as one unified brotherhood. To reach this rising sun I present 3 pillars for us to build upon this year. First, "strive to challenge the known & unknown", if you see something within the Lodge that isn't working or needs to be changed, challenge the idea so we bring a better tomorrow for our lodge. Second, bring "thorough creativity," think outside the box and bring new ideas to the table. Be thoughtful in your words and actions because they will make the journey

challenging or smooth.

Finally "bonding through brotherhood", at every chance, you can this year look to the right or left of yourself and search for brother wearing their sash or flap, talk to them, and from there will you feed our fire of cheerfulness and new friendships can grow. Through these 3 pillars, we can look beyond just ourselves and see the full panoramic view to make this year the most memorable, impactful, and exciting experience for all Arrowmen in Owaneco Lodge.

Yours in WWW,  
Joe Loffredo  
Lodge Chief

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Fall Fellowship**  
October 1-3  
Camp Sequassen

**Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC)**  
October 29-30  
Hoyt Scout Reservation

**Lodge Banquet**  
January 2

**May Induction Weekend**  
May 6-8

**Want to attend these events? Make sure you've paid your dues!**  
[www.owaneco.org/register](http://www.owaneco.org/register)

## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR DUES?

Our Lodge has served the great camps and programs of the Connecticut Yankee Council for over 23 years. We give much of our time and effort to clean, restore and improve all of our council camps at induction weekends, fellowships and service days. But we need your help to keep our camps and brotherhood alive and pristine. By paying your dues, Owaneco is able to run induction weekends, fellowships, and any other Owaneco events. **This is only possible when Arrowmen pay their dues.**

We need to come together to help Owaneco succeed, because when Owaneco succeeds the Council and Scouting succeed.

Visit [www.owaneco.org/register](http://www.owaneco.org/register) to renew today!



## Conclave 2022

**BEN RICKEL**

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Join Arrowmen from across New England for an exciting weekend of fellowship and fun- all at our very own Camp Sequassen June 10-12! Owaneco Lodge is

proud to play host to the Section NE-2A Conclave- a gathering of Arrowmen that only happens once a year. Our Lodge is proud to host this fun event and is working hard with leaders from the Section and our fellow lodges

from Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts to build a great weekend. Stay tuned for details on the weekend. Want to help plan Conclave? Contact Ben at [rickel@owaneco.org](mailto:rickel@owaneco.org)

Plan on attending the Fall Fellowship? LLD? Still need to pay your dues? Register for events and more at [owaneco.org/register](http://owaneco.org/register) or scan this code:



## Get Trained at the LLD!

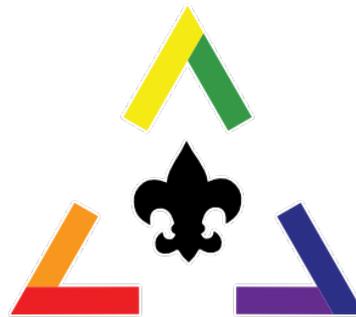
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Have you ever thought about how the lodge runs, or the amazing people that help the lodge function? Have you ever thought about becoming one of those amazing people? If the answer to both of those are yes then consider coming to this year's LLD.

This fun event will teach you all the tips and tricks to becoming a success in and out of the OA.

The LLD will begin at 6PM on October 29 and end at 5PM on October 30, meaning that you can get all this incredible knowledge in less than 24 hours at Hoyt Scout Camp. Sign up today at [www.owaneco.org/register](http://www.owaneco.org/register)



## Calling all Unit Leaders: Hold Unit Elections!

**PETER HINKLE**

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November- March is the Order of the Arrow visitation season. Induction into the OA is an honor reserved for the most passionate and dedicated Scouts of

the council, and this is the time to add some of your troop members to the list.

You may be wondering how one gets selected. The requirements for youth (under 21) are to be at least First Class, Ordinary, or Discovery

Rank, and have a minimum of 15 camping nights in the last two years. The election/visitation process tends to take only a portion of a standard unit meeting and is the beginning of a very special experience for so many Scouts.

Unit leaders should find the email they received from Owaneco Lodge to schedule their election or contact Peter Hinkle ([phinkle@owaneco.org](mailto:phinkle@owaneco.org)).

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**Pro Tip:** Chapter Meeting are a fun way to get involved! Visit [owaneco.org](http://owaneco.org) to see when your chapter meets or email your Chapter Chief!

## Join us at ConnJam 2022

ConnJam is our Council's camporee that only takes place every three years. Join Scouts from 37 communities across the state for camping, adventures and exciting shows- all from the Orange Fairgrounds May 13-15, 2022. As our Council's Order of the Arrow lodge, you know Owaneco Lodge will be at ConnJam 2022. Our ConnJam committee is working with the Council

to organize great events in ways only Owaneco Lodge can, so stay tuned for details, and save the date to participate in this awesome event as a representative of the Lodge. If you'd like to help plan our presence, contact Lodge Chief Joe Loffredo at [chief@owaneco.org](mailto:chief@owaneco.org)

## Fall Fellowship Coming Soon!

**JOE HARRINGTON**  
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Join us at Camp Sequassen on Friday, October 1 to Sunday, October 3, for our annual Fall Fellowship! Arrival begins at 6:30 p.m. On Friday and pick up is 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

We're all becoming spies with our theme Agents of Owaneco which will include secret agent food and tasks throughout your multi-day mission. Explore the many amenities that Camp Sequassen has to offer throughout the day on Saturday, including inflatables and sports. We'll host our exclusive evening programming following sunset- you won't want to miss it!

As a chapter, you'll traverse escape rooms, memory games, pitch-black rooms to complete challenges,

and sneakily navigate through camp. Along the way, you'll be able to develop leadership and communication skills in your chapter that you can bring back to your home unit.

This is a great event to come to if you've just completed your induction or looking to reconnect with old friends.

Register today on [owaneco.org/register](http://owaneco.org/register) for just \$30 on [Owaneco.org/register](http://Owaneco.org/register).

## OA Day at Resident Camp Recap

Over the summer, Owaneco held its annual OA days at Camp Sequassen. Every Tuesday, we offered a service opportunity and held an ice cream social for members.

We also offered the opportunity for returning members to seal their membership by earning their Brotherhood. We would like to congratulate the 27 brothers of our lodge

who completed their brotherhood conversion during these days. We would also like to thank all those members who came and completed a service project with us.

Thanks to our Lodge's servant leadership, Camp Sequassen's beautiful facilities were improved through seven different services projects this summer.



# Meet Your 2021-2022 Lodge Officers

## **Joe Loffredo** *Lodge Chief*

Joe is an Eagle Scout and a brotherhood member of Owaneco Lodge. He previously served as the 2019-2020 Owaneco lodge Vice chief of Program, Communications Chair, and Events Chair. Joe is currently involved with Troop 633 in North Branford as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Joe has attended the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference, worked at Camp Sequassen in 2019 and 2020. Joe is currently working for a fire protection and plumbing company in Wallingford. Joe loves the outdoors and is always seeking adventure, he has been skydiving, white water rafting, completed a 50 Mile Trek and explored the tropics during a trek at the BSA Florida Sea Base.

## **Justin Yeager** *VC, Chapter Operations*

Justin is serving as your Vice Chief of Chapter Operations. He is a Life Scout from Troop 5 in Wallingford. He is a Vigil Honoree of Owaneco Lodge and a recipient of the Ralph Deer Memorial Award. Inducted in 2017, he has previously served as Achewon Chapter Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Finance, and now serving as Lodge Vice Chief of Chapter Operations. Justin loves new Scouting experiences, such as attending the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, BSA's Northern Tier High Adventure Base, and serving on the 2021 Camp Sequassen staff. Beyond Scouting, Justin is attending Southern Connecticut State University studying graphic design. He enjoys playing golf,

drawing, and listening to alt-indie music all while pondering the great questions of life.

## **Peter Hinkle** *VC, Induction*

Peter Hinkle is serving as your 2021 to 2022 Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions. He has been an active member of Scouting since 2010 and the Order of the Arrow since 2017. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 199 in Fairfield, Connecticut where he serves as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Peter is also a Ralph Deer Memorial Service Award recipient, Vigil Honor member of the Lodge, and attended the OA National Leadership Seminar in 2019. This year, Peter plans to strengthen the Elangomat and Ceremonies teams, and continue to brainstorm new strategies for the Brotherhood and Unit Elections Committees, with the intent of creating the best Lodge inductions program possible. Peter is going into senior year at Fairfield Ludlowe High School, where he has developed an interest in subjects like history, politics, and law. He compliments these interests with leadership in his school's Junior State of America club and involvement in the Model United Nations. He also participates in his school's track and ultimate frisbee teams. Over the summer, Peter keeps himself busy with his lawn business and his work as a counselor at YMCA Camp Woodstock.

## **Will Hinkle** *VC, Program*

Will Hinkle is very excited to be serving his second term as Lodge Vice Chief of Program for the 2021-2022 year. Will, a Vigil Honor member of Owaneco Lodge, first became a member in 2017, and since then has served in multiple chapter, lodge, and section positions. He has also attended the National Leadership Seminar for the Northeast Region. Will is working with his committee to make Lodge events more memorable and hopes to see new faces there, and hopes to increase Lodge involvement in your units. At home, in Troop 199, Fairfield, Will is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout, and has enjoyed experiences like his trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in 2019, white water rafting, and canoeing on the Delaware River. Outside of scouting, Will enjoys spending time at YMCA Camp Woodstock where he is a counselor, hiking, playing ultimate frisbee, and is passionate about protecting the environment.

## **Max Gombos** *VC, Finance*

Max Gombos is happy to serve as your Vice Chief of Finance. He is a Brotherhood member of Owaneco Lodge, as well as a Life Scout from Troop 68, in Trumbull. He joined the OA in 2018 and has held many positions in the lodge including serving as the Trading Post Committee Chair. He is a member of Chief Pomperaug Chapter and attends Fairchild Wheeler Magnet School. His favorite

event was NOAC in 2018. He is interested in hiking, camping, and skiing.

## **Lindsay Ferretti** *VC, Administration*

Lindsay is excited to serve as your 2021-2022 Vice Chief of Administration. She is the first female Eagle Scout from Darien Troop 219 and is now the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for the troop. Lindsay will be partaking in her first scouting high adventure trip to Sea Base this coming December 2021. She joined the lodge in May of 2021 and decided to run for leadership shortly after and is honored to have this opportunity to serve. Outside of Scouts BSA, Lindsay was recently a recipient of the YWCA Young Women of Distinction Award; she has also earned her Girl Scout Silver Award and will be working toward her Girl Scout Gold Award in the coming year. Lindsay is currently in her senior year of high school at Marymount School of New York in Manhattan and is very intrigued by the maths and sciences. In her free time, Lindsay loves to spend time outdoors, especially at the beach and on the coastal waters. She also enjoys running, working-out, playing lacrosse, tennis, and ice hockey. Furthermore, Lindsay gives back to her community by volunteering as a firefighter at Noroton Heights Fire Department.

