



## A Letter from the Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers

With the end of the calendar year approaching, we're halfway through our program year for the Lodge. Over the past six months our lodge has grown in membership, event attendance and most importantly in brotherhood. This September we had a very successful Induction Weekend with 25 new brothers joining the lodge as Ordeal members and six sealing their membership as Brotherhood Members. At our "Spy Ops" themed Fall Fellowship, we had 85 brothers attend where they learned some awesome detective skills. And finally, 26 members advanced their leadership skills at the Lodge Leadership Development Conference in late October. I would like to thank all the members who attended. We still have one event left in 2021: a Brotherhood day where eligible Ordeal members can seal their membership through the Brotherhood process.

We have done so much in the past 6 months but that was just the start, we still have so much more on the way! In the first six months of 2022, we have the Winter Banquet, two Induction Weekends, ConnJam, Conclave and preparations for NOAC.

The only way you can participate in these great events is if you pay your dues, and with the new year coming it's time for all of us to renew our membership. Your lodge dues pay for your national membership fees, chapter meeting and offsets the cost of activities, and the newsletter you're reading right now. We want to bring the best program to you throughout the rest of this year, but we need your help to-do so. You can pay your dues at [www.owaneco.org/register](http://www.owaneco.org/register).

A great time to pay your dues is at our upcoming Winter Banquet which is in the final planning stages now and promises to be a great time. We will come together

to celebrate Arrowmen who have gone above and beyond, enjoy a great meal and fellowship, and of course everyone's favorite the silent auction

This year I challenge you and your unit leaders, to make this the best election season we have had yet. Your unit leaders will be receiving emails asking about your units election or visitation dates. Help us get elections scheduled by asking your unit leader about holding an election or visitation at your next meeting. We've all seen how great the OA is, so let's help bring more members in.

As I close, I want to wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving and holiday season. I hope to see you at a Scouting event soon!

Yours in WWW,  
Joe Loffredo  
Lodge Chief

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Brotherhood Day**  
December 5  
Hoyt Scout Camp

**Winter Banquet**  
January 9  
Birchwoods (Woodbridge)

**May Induction Weekend**  
May 6-8

**ConnJam**  
Orange Fairgrounds  
May 13-15

**June Induction Weekend**  
Camp Sequassen  
June 3-5

**Conclave**  
Camp Sequassen  
June 10-12

**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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Come solve the mystery at Camp Sequassen June 10-12, Owaneco Lodge

is Thrilled to play host for Section NE-2A's Conclave 2022. We are eager to see the Arrowmen from all around Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts

gather for the annual Weekend of fun that is Conclave. We have so much in store for you and we hope you're just as excited as we are.

## Have Owaneco Lodge at Your Unit Meeting

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Owaneco Lodge's visitation season is shortly approaching, so please make sure to schedule your unit for a visitation with the Order of the Arrow. Unit visitations are organized by one of our six chapters where teams visit your unit meetings. All units are encouraged to register a visitation with the Order of the Arrow. Chapter members from your respective chapter will deliver presentations to your unit about the opportunities that the Order of the Arrow can present to your Scouts.

In addition to a standard visitation, units can add an election onto their visitation. To be eligible for election into the OA a

member must:

- Be registered in Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scout,
- Have fifteen (15) nights under canvas which must include one (1) and only one (1) long-term camp (i.e., summer camp)
- Hold the rank of Scouts BSA First Class, Venturing Discovery, or Sea Scout Ordinary.

Additionally, a unit must have 50% of its registered members present to conduct an election. Our visitation season will be open until Owaneco Day (3/13), so please make sure to register if you are interested in an election or visitation.

Unit leaders will be receiving emails directly to sign up for an OA visitation, please be sure to sign up ASAP.

Scouts can be helpful by reminding their unit leader to sign up for a visitation as soon as possible. The earlier they sign up, the more flexible we can be with arranging a visitation date. Additionally, please attend your upcoming chapter meetings so that your chapter officers can arrange visitation teams more efficiently.

If you have any other questions about the upcoming visitation season, please email me at [Harrington@owaneco.org](mailto:Harrington@owaneco.org). We look forward to visiting your unit soon!

**Attending the Winter Banquet? Brotherhood Days? Need to Pay Your Dues?**

**Register for events and more at [owaneco.org/register](http://owaneco.org/register) or scan this code:**



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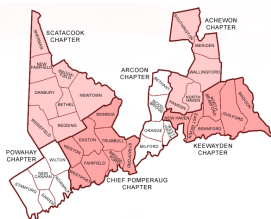
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**Pro Tip:** Chapter Meeting are a fun way to get involved! Visit [owaneco.org](http://owaneco.org) to see when your chapter meets or email your Chapter Chief!



## 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)

## Winter (Banquet) is Coming!

On January 9, Owaneco Lodge will host our annual Winter Banquet at Birchwoods Banquet Center in Woodbridge organized by Keewayden Chapter.

The Winter Banquet is a great opportunity for so much fun with all your friends.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, bonding and a riveting message from Captain John Rotruck, Commander of the USNS Mercy, the Naval ship stationed off the coast of Los Angeles at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. He will share stories of heroism and leadership in the face of adversity.

## Get to know the Unit OA Rep

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Want to be more involved in the Order of the Arrow but not sure how? Being an OA Representative for your unit may be the position for you! It's a leadership role available in every troop, ship, crew and post. But first, ask yourself this question, "Does my unit already have an OA Representative?" If yes, please have them email Julia Clough or, if you are the OA Rep, please email me.

Ok, so I qualify. What's the commitment and responsibility? The majority of the responsibilities that come with this leadership position can be fulfilled by going to meetings with your Unit and sharing an update on what's going on in Owaneco that will be sent to you monthly. You can also email this slideshow to the Arrowmen in your unit. You should also encourage OA High Adventure participation.

What are the requirements are to be an OA Representative? They're simple pretty simple, and count as a leadership position for rank advancement. To be an OA Rep, you must be under the age of 18, appointed by your unit's youth leadership with your unit leader's approval, and be an OA member in good standing—meaning dues paid.



## Come to the 2022 Grill 'n Chill!

Owaneco Lodge's first ever Grill n' Chill is here, and we want to see you, your family, and your unit members there. Join us at Deer Lake Scout Reservation on April 9th for a day of Scouting fun. This day to remember will be a combination of a council-wide ultimate frisbee tournament, Cub Scouting activities, and a cookout lunch for all and Lodge Information Session for parents and unit leaders. All Scouts ages 11-17 from Connecticut Yankee Council are encouraged to get a

team of 7-14 together and sign up to compete for the Owaneco Lodge Ultimate Tournament Championship.

All Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to try out different Cub Scout Adventures and Scouting activities.

Make sure to watch out for updates from the Lodge and Council, so you can sign up as soon as registration is compete, and secure your spot to compete and attend! We'd love to see you there.



## Details on NOAC 2022 Coming Soon!

