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CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

Dear brothers,

2015 is finally here! The hundredth anniversary of our Order's founding is upon us, and 100 years later, it is more important than ever to *preserve the tradition of cheerful service.*

I can't even begin to explain all of the great ways the OA is celebrating the centennial—but many of them are described in this edition of the Observer. We are very lucky to be Arrowmen at this point in our history and you will not want to miss out on these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

In this year (and the years to come), do not forget about what our Founder called the "things of the spirit": Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Let the Arrow be your guide.

Once again, I hope you are as excited about the centennial as I am! I hope to see you all at our first Ordeal of the year in May, being held at Camp Pomperaug.

Yours in WWW,
Daniel Wivagg
Lodge Chief

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CALENDAR

Section NE-2A AIA/ICE Summit	April 11, 2015 J.N. Webster Scout Reservation
May Ordeal	May 8-10, 2015 Camp Pomperaug
June Ordeal	June 5-7, 2015 Camp Sequassen
Section NE-2A Conclave	June 19-21, 2015 J.N. Webster Scout Reservation

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MAY ORDEAL: OLYMPIAD

THE MAY ORDEAL IS AT CAMP POMPERAUG!

That's right, we have two Ordeals at the beautiful Camp Pomperaug this year, in May and September.

With food, activities, and decorations planned around the theme of Greek Mythology and the Olympic Games, this Ordeal will be a great time!

Camp Pomperaug is in Union, CT—which may be far for some brothers. If you need a ride, reach out to fellow chapter members and advisers; and if you have extra seats, be sure to fill them so we can all make it!

JUNE ORDEAL: THE ARROW-MAN GAMES

At this year's June Ordeal at Sequassen, the Shows committee will be unveiling this year's big production: The Arrowman Games, our own spin on The Hunger Games.

The lodge officer elections will also take place at this ordeal—all dues paid Arrowmen are eligible to run and vote. See page 6 for more details.

As always, there will be plenty of fun and fellowship as we guide the new candidates and set up Sequassen for the summer season!

 **Have you been a member for 10 months or more? Seal your membership by attending either of the Ordeals above and partipacting in the Bortherhood conversion ceremony!** 

WINTER BANQUET RECAP

The 2014 Winter Banquet was held on the first Sunday of January this year. Brothers gathered to enjoy fellowship and a great meal at Costa Azzurra in Milford. Our guest speaker, Alan Kalter, gave us some insights about his job as the announcer on The Late Show with David Letterman, and Arrowmen listened to his endorsement of Scouting's ideals and their usefulness in the real world.

During our traditional silent auction, money was raised for the lodge as patches, artwork, tickets, and other items were sold. One lucky Arrowman even got a pair of tickets to see The Late Show front and center, followed by a back-

stage tour and a photoshoot behind Dave's desk with the New York City skyline—thanks to Mr. Kalter's generosity.

Certain Arrowmen were recognized during the evening: receiving the Founder's Award were Jason Van Leeuwen and Mr. Lloyd Gallup; receiving the Ralph Deer Memorial Service Award were Alex Howland, John Markowski, and Mr. Roger Poggio; and receiving the James E. West Fellowship were Neil Harris and Mr. Wade Anderson. Congratulations to these brothers, for they are the paragons of cheerful service.

This year's Banquet will be very special as we commemorate the Centennial, so be sure to join us next winter!





NE-2A AMERICAN INDIAN SUMMIT

In April, Section NE-2A will hold the American Indian Summit, a new event based on Indian culture and its role in our Order.

Who can attend?

Anyone with an interest in the cultural aspect of the Order, lodge leaders, and anyone that wants to have a great time with people from around the section!

Where is it?

The inaugural American Indian Seminar will be held at J.N. Webster Scout Reservation which is the same location as our 2015 Conclave!

When is it?

AIS will be held on April 11, 2015. This one day event will start in the morning and end after our evening Pow-Wow. You will have the option of staying at camp on Friday night, Saturday night, or both!

What is the cost?

\$15 before 3/27, \$20 afterwards

What is the schedule for the event?

There will be three training cells in the morning, followed by lunch, discussions about regalia, a discussion (and possible performance) of the new Brotherhood ceremony, and a Pow-Wow at the end of the day!



ARROWTOUR

Owaneco is excited to announce we will celebrate the Order of the Arrow's centennial as an ArrowTour host. ArrowTour is an interactive event for Scouts, volunteers, and Scouting alumni that will travel throughout the country during the summer of 2015. The tour will make a stop on June 29 at Camp Sequassen.

The purpose of the tour is to commemorate the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary. During the event, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the Order of the Arrow, its story, and its future. Some of the program highlights include interactive exhibits, activities such as silk-screening and branding, and challenge games. Participants will have a chance to meet some of the Order's national leaders, and alumni can learn about the Scouting Alumni Association and local alumni efforts to supporting Scouting in our area.

The program will conclude with a special show that recognizes the Order's rich history and empowers participants to help shape the organization's future.

Don't miss the celebration!



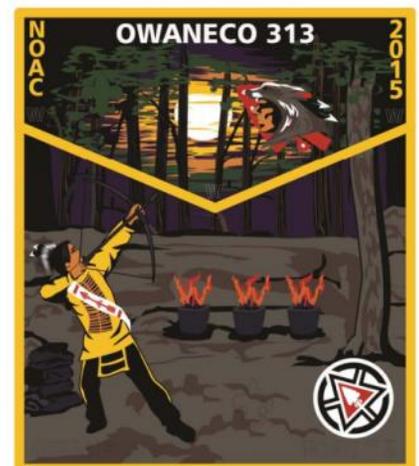
NOAC UPDATE

Owaneco will be sending our biggest contingent ever to the 100th anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference this summer, and our special centennial NOAC patches are now on sale!

The fundraiser patch (depicted) will help offset the cost for the participants.

Pricing is as follows:

- 1-4 sets: \$10 each
- 5 + sets: \$8 each
- 25+ sets: contact tradingpost@owaneco.org



To order, visit owaneco.org/patches to pay securely and also purchase our 100th anniversary lodge flap set.



FEATURED COMMITTEE: ELANGOMAT

Your Ordeal would not have been possible without the help of a very important individual—your Elangomat! Elangomats make the candidate experience much more worthwhile because these brothers have already experienced the tests of the Ordeal, and seen how these lessons can be applied in everyday life.

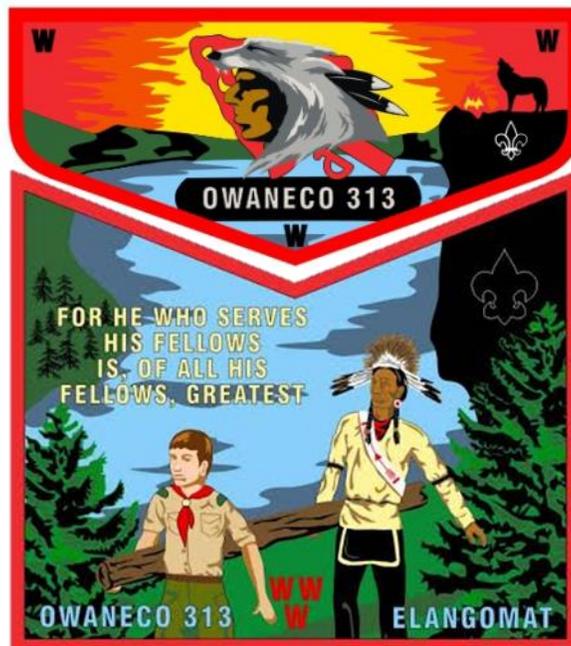
For their service, Elangomats receive a shirt, hat, certificate, and highly collectible patch that can be worn below the Owaneco flap. And best of all, they can attend the entire Ordeal weekend for free!

If you complete the weekend as an Elangomat, you will also be eligible to work toward the Elangomat of Excellence award, a high recognition for Elangomats who assist their clan members in attaining Brotherhood.

We are always in need of Elangomats for our May, June, and September Ordeals. If you can help at any of these weekends, or if you have questions about the Elangomat experience, contact chairman Angus Foden (foden@owaneco.org).

“Who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest.”

—Chingachgook



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend committee meetings!

Ceremonies

The Ceremonies team will meet on April 11 at AIS and April 26 from 2:30 to 4:30 at 56 Lincoln Street in Trumbull in preparation for the May and June ordeals.

Dance Team

The Dance Team meets every Sunday, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church—2819 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT—from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The team is also welcoming Venture scouts now—see page 6.

Shows

The Shows committee will hold a filming day for the June “Arrowman Games” show on April 25, at Camp Sequassen. The filming will take place from 12 noon to 4:30 pm.

OWANECO AT CONNJAM

Once again, Owaneco will be providing support and service to the Council at this year’s ConnJam. ConnJam only comes around once every few years, but it is a fantastic event and a great opportunity for troops, packs, and

crews to experience rock climbing, SCUBA diving, shooting sports, shows, inflatables, and much more!

As a member of Owaneco’s Service Corps, you will spend a few hours of your day on Saturday with fellow Arrowmen helping the ConnJam staff. Your service might consist of anything from setting up for the Saturday night show to directing foot traffic around the fairgrounds.

No matter how you help, your service would be greatly appreciated! If you are going to ConnJam, we hope you will consider spending a few hours helping the Lodge and the Council.

In exchange for your time, Service Corps members will receive a patch and a t-shirt.

Contact Mark Dackow (dackow@owaneco.org) if you want to sign up, or visit owaneco.org!

HELP NEEDED: CEREMONIES

Are you interested in helping with Cub Scout Arrow of Light ceremonies? It’s a great way to serve the lodge and inspire our future leaders! We’ll provide a script and regalia—just email Dan Wivagg (chief@owaneco.org) to learn about opportunities.

Also, the Ceremonies Team is looking for help on Stage Crew at our upcoming Ordeals. You could help build the bonfire and set up the ceremonial ring, and learn more about the ceremonies while you’re there.



DANCE TEAM—VENTURE CREW NOW FORMING

The dance team wants you to know about
The NEW Venture Crew with a theme centered
on

Native American Pow Wow Culture

This Crew will:

- Learn and Perform Publicly Native American Dances
- Make modern dance regalia
- Learn the songs and social culture of modern pow wows
- Dance at local pow wows
- Study the history of Tribal Groups
- Demo life in a tipi village
- **AND HAVE LOADS OF FUN**



Like Indians, like history, want to learn more?

Then this Crew is just for YOU!!!

We are currently taking inquiries and setting starting dates:

- Meetings are tentatively set for Sunday afternoons and/or evenings.
- Two (2) meeting locations to serve you!
(Hamden, Fairfield)
- Experienced advisors and staff already in place.
- All we need is YOU!

Interested? For more details call Chris Fagan
@203-234-8077 or

Matt Banas @ 203-996-3332

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Just try us out!

LODGE LEGACY ROCKS

Thanks to the following generous contributors, all six lodges who are part of Owaneco's history will be proudly represented with Legacy Rocks. These rocks will be engraved with the lodge name, headquarters city, and dates of existence and be a permanent fixture at the Order of the Arrow ceremonial ring at the Bechtel Summit Reserve.

- Michael Abrahamson
- Robert Anstett (Lodge Chief 2003-2004)
- Gordon Beach
- Michael Card
- Bill Chin (Lodge Chief 1997-1998)
- JC Cinelli (Lodge Chief 1993-1994)
- Robert Emerson
- Will Ference
- Adam Fromm (Lodge Chief 1996-1997)
- Bill Fromm
- Paula Fromm
- Bob Kravecs, Jr.
- Ray Spagnuolo
- Patrick Sullivan (Lodge Chief 1990-1991)
- Eric Zaretsky (Lodge Chief 1987-1989)

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Lodge elections will be held for the Lodge Officer positions at the June Ordeal. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you must fill out the form attached to this newsletter or on owaneco.org/forms.

If you have any questions, contact Lodge Chief Dan Wivagg (wivagg@owaneco.org) or Lodge Adviser Mr. Lloyd Gallup (gallup@owaneco.org).

Best of luck to all who will be running!