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29- Executive Committee Meeting
(7:30pm Council Office)
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September

9-11: September Ordeal
(Camp Pomperaug)
16-18- NLS/ NLATS (Camp Alpine,
NJ)
25: Executive Committee Meeting
(7:30pm Council Office)

October

8-9: Lodge Leadership Development
(Hoyt)
29-30: Fall Fellowship (Deer Lake)
24: Executive Committee Meeting
(7:30pm Council Office)

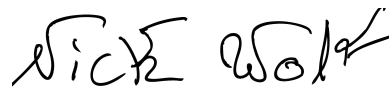
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF...

Chiefly Thoughts

Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope you are all ready for a year of fellowship, cheerful service, and fun, because as Lodge Chief, those are my priorities. This year we will have bigger events, more attendance, and more fun. How will all this be accomplished you may ask? Well it starts with communication. It will be my goal for the year to over-communicate and over-promote all of Owaneco's events because when it comes to having some fellowship, the more the merrier! So be sure to take off of work, cancel your date with the girlfriend, and study for your tests before the future Owaneco events because the upcoming September Ordeal, Fall Fellowship & Winter Banquet will all be events that you do not want to miss! With that being said, another great part of being in the Order is doing Cheerful Service. Here is a great way to do some now- I want each member of our Lodge to recruit a new ordeal member to attend an Owaneco event such as the September Ordeal or Fall Fellowship. Remember: It is never too early to register for an event! As Lodge Chief, it is an honor to work with the best Scouting has to offer in our National Honor Society. I look forward to working with everyone of you at our upcoming events in this exciting fulfilled year that's planned ahead.

Yours in WWW,



Nick Wolf
Lodge Chief

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2011 CONCLAVE: OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO

by Nick Wolf

For those of you who missed the Section NE-2A Conclave last June, here is a recap! At the Dr. Seuss themed event at Chesterfield Scout Reservation in Massachusetts, there was tons of food, fun and fellowship. Friday night started off with a Rock climbing wall, 2 Inflatables, & a mobile arcade on wheels with a huge cracker barrel to end the night. Saturday morning was filled with different training cells that instructed us on everything from

Communication to outdoor cooking. Then, in the afternoon the true fun began as arrow men had opportunities to go to the waterfront, play outside sports, go rock climbing again, and even do some patch trading! By the nights end, we we're all ready for dinner as we sat down to a nice fine-dining catered meal. The entire conclave was a blast, and I know next years will be even bigger and better. Hope to see you all there!



Bob Brown

SECTION NE-2A REALIGNMENT

By Bob Brown

At the close of the 2011 Conclave, Owaneco Lodge said 'goodbye' to some brothers and 'hello' to new ones. The Boy Scouts of America and the National Order of the Arrow announced that the sections in the Northeast Region (NE or NER) would be realigned in the wake of several staffing changes. The changes came into effect at the close of each section's Conclave.

In the Section NE-2A prior to the 2011 Conclave were Tschitani Lodge (Connecticut Rivers Council), Paugassett Lodge (Housitonic Council), Pocumtuc Lodge (Western Massachusetts Council), Achewon Netopolis Lodge (Greenwich Council), Ajapeu Lodge (Green Mountain Council),

Kittan Lodge (Twin Rivers Council), and Black Eagle Lodge (Transatlantic Council).

Achewon Netopolis Lodge is moving to NE-2B with lodges from the Greater New York City Council and Greater New York area. Kittan and Ajapeu Lodges are moving to the NE-3B with lodges from upstate New York. Black Eagle Lodge is moving to the NE-6A with lodges from Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Joining the NE-2A are Nacha Nimet Lodge (Hudson Valley Council) and Half Moon Lodge (Rip Van Winkle Council) both from the NE-7A.

So what does this mean? It means that at the Section events like the Quality Lodge Summit and the Conclave you'll meet new brothers with new traditions, patches, and ideas. For more information, visit www.NE-2A.org.

Position	Name	Lodge/ Council
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	Connor Morabito	Nacha Nimet/ Hudson Valley
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SEPTEMBER 2011 ORDEAL

The final ordeal for 2011 will take place from September 9 at 6:30pm until 11am on September 12 at Camp Pomperaug. This will be Owaneco Lodge's second time hosting an Ordeal at Pomperaug, last year being the first.. The camp still has a long list of projects for Candidates and Brother to complete. Camp Pomperaug is leased out to the Connecticut Burns Foundation to host their summer camp for youths with severe burns. It is located in Northeastern Connecticut in Union. Owaneco Lodge is committed to improving the camp and continuing to support the Connecticut Yankee Council's camps. The host chapter is Chief Pomperaug. You can sign up online at www.owaneco.org/register.

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MY SUMMITCORPS EXPERIENCE

By Neil Patrick Harris

A contingent of 9 Arrowmen departed Connecticut Yankee Council Offices at 6 am on Saturday, July 23rd. We stopped at the Crime and Punishment Museum in Washington, D.C. and it was nothing you would expect it to be; we solved a crime and learned many unique things. Even though the event was called SummitCorps we never stepped foot on the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation. We stayed at Glen Jean National Armory, 10 minutes away from the Summit. We worked on a hike and bike trail, called the Arrowhead Hike & Bike trail, and finished the project that was started 3 weeks earlier. A total of 13 miles of trail was built over a 4 week stretch. There was a patch auction where a little over \$6,000 was raised and donated to 2 local charities, with a total of around \$16,000 raised between the 4 weeks.. We ate like kings, but only for dinner, the other two meals were Philmont meals. On the way back we stopped to have our picture taken with the Summit sign, at the base of the Summit and went to a Nationals Baseball game that night. We returned to home on July 31 with new friendships formed from around the country, more knowledge about ourselves, and of course, patches from the event!

Editor's Note: *This past summer the National Order of the Arrow held two events: SummitCorps: The New River Experience, which was a massive service project located at the Summit's neighbor, River Gorge National Park. The second, Indian Summer is a national event that trains Arrowmen involved in their lodge's Ceremonies and Dance Teams in new ways, techniques, and skills. Jesse Morrow attended Indian Summer with members of the Dance Team. Neil Harris attended as a Ceremonialist and attended SummitCorps. Jesse and Neil wrote about their experiences in two articles on this page and the next page. -BB & RR*



SummitCorps Contingent with National Chief Jonathan Hillis

LOOKING FOR UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUR TROOP?

The Quinnipiac Dancers, the Councils OA Indian dancers can help you with their interpretations of Indian culture through their songs, dance, and outfits. They can tailor their performance to fit your groups needs. They provide authentic Native American Dance Interpretations, live Indian music, audience participation, and handmade outfits depicting modern Indian pow-wow dancer. Their outfits include feathers, bells, and beats on flashy colorful outfits. All dancers are members of our lodge. They are taking bookings starting September 1, 2011 on a first come, first serve basis. The dance season starts January 1, 2012. Call Michelle DePaola at 203-213-2011 as the openings book quickly.



Jesse Morrow in Dance Team Regalia

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OUR INDIAN SUMMER EXPERIENCES

CEREMONIES *by Neil Patrick Harris*

A contingent of 18 Arrowmen, with 4 more on staff, had a blast at Indian Summer! We departed Connecticut Yankee Council on Sunday July 31st and made a stop at Luray Caverns. Everyone had a fun time and we even met someone who was also going to be at Indian Summer. The event started with a pow wow on Monday night and everyone was supporting our dancers. During the week there were opportunities to learn about different types of dance, crafts, symbolism in ceremonies, and ceremonies evaluations. There were two shows during the week and our dancers were involved in both of them. Also during the week, there was a service project and 5 contingent members worked on the project. The second day of the project we had people that were going to go, but instead stayed back at camp to support the one ceremonies youth that went on the trip during his evaluation. Both groups supported each other throughout the week and look to work together this upcoming year to help each other pre pare for NOAC and the future. Hope to see you at NOAC next year or Indian Summer in 2016!

DANCE TEAM *by Jesse Morrow*

From August 1st to August 5th, members from Owaneco's Quinnipiac Dancers joined 950 other arrowmen at Indian Summer. Held in Asheville, North Carolina, Indian Summer was a chance to learn about and try to recreate the life and culture of Native Americans. The contingent attended a wide variety of classes that provided a lot of information which will be used to help the team's knowledge of everything from outfits and regalia to the beliefs and customs of Native Americans. You could learn how to make bustles, sing on a drum, dance any style you wanted, make Eastern Woodland moccasins or Sioux beading, and so much more! 3 pow-wows were held during Indian Summer, and dancers received evaluations on their outfits from the very same judges that will be at the next NOAC! The best part, is that Indian Summer will be occurring again in 2016, and I personally cannot wait to go again and learn just as much as I did this time.

LOOKING FOR PHOTOS OF
INDIAN SUMMER OR SUMMITCORPS?
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LLD LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The 2011 Lodge Leadership Development Conference or LLD will be held at the Hoyt Training Cabin on October 8-9. The LLD is a training conference for those interested in learning more about specific portions of the Order of the Arrow. It is promised that attendees will not only learn about the Order of the Arrow, but meet Lodge and Section leaders, and have a great time.

NEW LODGE OFFICERS & ASSOCIATE ADVISERS

At the June Ordeal, the voting membership of Owaneco Lodge elected six youth to hold positions in the Lodge. Nick Wolf was elected Lodge Chief after serving several terms as a committee chair and Scatacook Chapter Chief. Jesse Morrow was elected to be V.C. of Chapter Operations. Neil Harris was elected as V.C. of Program. Sean Nulty was elected V.C. of Inductions. Morgan McMahon was elected as V.C. of Finance. Ben Weidman was elected V.C. of Administration.

After the Ordeal, the following Associate Lodge Advisers were appointed by Mr. Bob Cloutier, Lodge Adviser: Mr. Will Ference will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Program. Mrs. Carolyn Jagielski will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Inductions. Mr. Lloyd Gallup will serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Finance. In addition, Mr. Bruce Bowlus will again serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Chapter Operations and Mr. Ken Korin will continue to serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser of Administration.

OA DAY

Congratulations to over 40 brothers who took the step at Sequassen Resident Camp to seal their membership to the Order of the Arrow by earning their Brotherhood. OA Day is held every Tuesday at Sequassen for Ordeal Rank members to earn Brotherhood and for all Arrowmen, Ordeal; Brotherhood; and Vigil alike to help serve the camp the best they could. Owaneco Lodge would like to thank Michael Brainerd and the Camp Sequassen staff for making OA Day possible this year.

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