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The National Boy Scout Jamboree is only 230 days away! There are various ways that you can be involved with this great event. You can go with the council as a participant, you can go on normal staff for the event if you are 16 or older, or you can go as a member of Project 2013 which is the Order of the Arrow staff members. There are multiple program areas on the OA side of it. You could be a member of the service corps and provide assistance where ever needed. If that is not the right thing for you, maybe you would want to be a trek guide and lead a troop up to the top of the summit. Or perhaps you like helping other people out, you could be a day of service guide and oversee a project in the surrounding areas of the Summit. This is an event you will not want to miss! If you think being on staff requires you to just do staff things, you are wrong. The days leading up to the Jamboree, the OA has been tasked with breaking in the camp and making sure everything works properly, and everyone on Project 2013 staff will be experiencing a white water trek in the surrounding areas of the Summit. If you are interested in going you can complete an application on the summit website.

**DO NOT FOGET TO
RENEW YOUR DUES &
REGISTER FOR THE
2012 WINTER BANQUET AT
WWW.OWANECO.ORG/REGISTER**

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CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

I hope everyone is having a great start to the school year, and that you are enjoying the wonderful autumn weather! Don't forget that as the winter season comes along, there is still plenty to help out with in the Order of the Arrow. Soon, Unit Elections will be taking place in all of the troops in our Council, so don't miss the chance to take a part in those. At the end of December we have our annual Winter Banquet, which is spectacularly fun night, and I would love to see you all there! The Lodge Dance Team and Ceremonies Committee are always looking for new members, and there are plenty of other tasks that suit your interests! And of course, keep in mind that the May and June Ordeals are just around the corner! I would love to meet with you and chat at an upcoming event, so please stop by. Lastly, as this year comes to a close, I would like to congratulate you on your service that you have put towards Scouting. I know that there's always more hard work to be done, but who says we can't have fun too? The Order of the Arrow has so many opportunities for us to take advantage of, so please don't miss out.

Yours in brotherhood,



Owaneco Lodge Chief

WINTER BANQUET

Fellow arrowmen, come and celebrate the holiday season with the Lodge at our annual Winter Banquet! Enjoy some excellent food and the great program that we always have prepared for you. Every year we announce the recipients of our Lodge's awards and distinctions, as well as recap on some of our favorite memories from the past year. This year's keynote speaker is an active Navy SEAL and will be talking about the parallels of the OA Obligation and the Navy SEAL Creed. And lastly, how can you resist the chance to outbid your friends on our silent auction items! The Winter Banquet is at the Jewish Community Center in Bridgeport on Dec. 27th. For more information and the chance to register, look up the Winter Banquet on our website at www.owaneco.org/register!

VIGIL SELECTION

Each year members of the lodge submit Vigil nomination forms to the vigil committee. These forms are vital in the process of selecting the brothers that will be receiving vigil in the upcoming year. This year forms will need to be turned in at the Winter Banquet or earlier. If you feel as if a brother is worthy of this honor and has been a Brotherhood member of the lodge for at least 2 years, then he is eligible for selection. Go to our website and download a form today! It is easy to fill out, and even if you do not have all of the information needed, still fill one out and submit it today!

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BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

If you've been a member of the OA for at least 10 months, you have the opportunity to increase your service in the lodge by sealing your membership as a Brotherhood member. As of October 22, 82 members of Owaneco Lodge have converted to Brotherhood. I would like to congratulate these 82 Arrowmen who have converted in the past year. Although we've taken great strides to increase our Brotherhood conversion rate, there's always room for growth. In the brand new Journey to Excellence program, a lodge must have a 30% Brotherhood conversion rate to attain Bronze level, a 40% conversion rate to attain Silver level, and a 50% conversion rate to attain Gold level. By converting to Brotherhood, you are rededicating yourself to the lodge, and you are also helping to move Owaneco along in the Journey to Excellence.

2012 FALL FELLOWSHIP

During the last weekend of October, the lodge gathered at Deer Lake Scout Reservation for our annual fellowship! Over 80 brothers were present for this great event. The weekend included inter chapter activities, a new film by the shows committee, and the ceremonies team conducted a brotherhood ceremony. A few of the activities were manhunt, finding the horcruxes, make your own edible wands, and potion making. All of the members had a great time and were happy they went. We look forward to seeing you at our fellowship next year as we celebrate our 15th anniversary!



OWANECO & HIGH ADVENTURE

This year, Owaneco Lodge will be sponsoring the trips of two Arrowmen to High Adventure in the summer of 2013. These two awards will be presented at the Winter Banquet, and the money given will be dependent on the Arrowman's High Adventure choice. If you are already planning on attending 2013 High Adventure, then you should directly apply for an award. Your application will be reviewed and you will be entered into a drawing for the award. The other award will be awarded as a door prize to a random attendant of the Winter Banquet. BSA High Adventure is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and Owaneco Lodge is providing a great opportunity for you to have an adventure you will never forget! You must be at the Winter Banquet to receive either award, so sign up today at owaneco.org.





2012 Living the Journey

In order to earn the Living the Journey recognition, one must complete 5 out of the 10 possible requirements within the year to apply for the award. All requirements that are completed need to be submitted with the signature by an appropriate adult supervisor (Lodge Adviser, Chapter Adviser, Committee Adviser etc.). If you submit this completed form to the trading post, you can buy the patch for \$4.

Requirement	Date(s) Completed	Adviser Signature
1. Be an Owaneco Dues Paid Member by June 1 st (New members are paid for their first year)		
2. Be an Owaneco Gold Pass Member		
3. Attend two Lodge Ordeals		
4. Be a Lodge or Chapter Officer, or become an <u>ac-</u> <u>ti-</u> <u>ve</u> member of an Owaneco Committee/Team (Or be an adviser of any of these		
5. Attend the Fall Fellowship		
6. Attend the Winter Banquet		
7. Seal your ties with the OA by converting to a Brotherhood member		
8. Be an Elangomat at an Ordeal		
9. Attend a NE-2A Section Conclave, or attend a Na- tional OA event		
10. Attend a lodge training event or a lodge work party.		

***Prior to submitting this form, you must be a dues paid member in the current year. This patch may be earned by Youth or Adult, 1 per person per year.