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BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

Have you been an ordeal member in the OA for at least ten months? If so you have a chance to become a Brotherhood member in the lodge. Did you know that when you get brotherhood it is a personal achievement, but you are also helping the lodge? In the journey to excellence program, a lodge must have 30% Brotherhood Conversions rate to attain Bronze level, a 40% conversion rate to attain Silver, and a 50% conversion rate to attain gold level. So this year go to one of the ordeals to get your racing stripes. To learn more about brotherhood go to www.jumpstart.owaneco.org



ELANGOMATS NEEDED!

The May and June Ordeals are approaching rapidly, and we would like to get a head start on recruiting some excellent Elangomats for these Ordeals. The purpose of an Elangomat is to guide a group or 'clan' of candidates throughout their journey on the Ordeal weekend, and to give them encouragement on their journey to Brotherhood. An Elangomat re-lives the Ordeal, but at the same time, there is always something to be gained from repeating the experience, whether it's for the first time or the tenth. Elangomats are truly the best servant leaders that the Lodge has to offer, which is why they are highly regarded within the Lodge and during the weekend of the Ordeal. Additionally, as an Elangomat, you will be able to attend the weekend for free, earn the Owaneco Elangomat patch, and receive an Elangomat shirt and hat. If you want to be an Elangomat, or even if you're unsure, then contact Elangomat Chairman Morgan McMahon (mcmahon@owaneco.org) or Vice Chief Daniel Wivagg (wivagg@owaneco.org).

**DO NOT FOGET TO
RENEW YOUR DUES &
REGISTER FOR THE
2013 MAY ORDEAL AT
WWW.OWANECO.ORG/REGISTER**

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CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

Fellow arrowmen, I would like to start by celebrating a recent accomplishment which could not have been achieved without your assistance! Owaneco Lodge 313 was able to attain the Gold Standard in the newly instituted national Journey to Excellence program this last year in 2012. Just as we closed the last year with a bang, I hope everyone is as excited for the beginning of this new year as I am! It is 2013, the 15th Anniversary of Owaneco Lodge 313! There is plenty to busy ourselves with as we begin our induction season with freshly appointed candidates. Join us for cheerful service and friendly fellowship this spring at our May and June Ordeals! Don't miss this opportunity to help improve our council camps and spend time with your fellow brothers. Also, keep your eyes out for information about the 2013 Fall Fellowship, it is guaranteed to be spectacular as we celebrate our anniversary. As always, it is an honor to serve as your chief, and I hope to see you at an event sometime soon!

Yours in brotherhood,

Jesse Morrow
Owaneco Lodge Chief

2013 CALENDAR

May Ordeal	May 3-5, 2013
	Deer Lake Scout Reservation
June Ordeal	May 31 – June 2, 2013
	Camp Sequassen
Section NE-2A Conclave	June 7-9 2013
	Camp Tri-Mount, East Jewett NY
Picnic / Work Party	TBD
September Ordeal	September 20-22, 2013
	Camp Pomperaug
LLD	October 4-5, 2013
	Hoyt Scout Reservation
15th Anniversary Fellowship	October 25-27, 2013
	Deer Lake Scout Reservation

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WINTER BANQUET RECAP

The 2013 Winter Banquet, hosted by Scatacook Chapter of Owaneco Lodge 313 was a great evening filled with brotherhood and fellowship. As members of the chapter setup up the Jewish Community Center (in Bridgeport), in the patriotic colors of the United States of America, it was clear this was going to be a special evening.

After enjoying a wonderful meal, our guest speaker Captain Greg Popora, gave an insight into the values and ethics of the US Navy SEALs. Although Captain Popora filled in for Navy SEAL Captain Steve, he delivered several powerful messages on leadership, never quitting, and doing your best. He ended by simply stating, "You have the tools to do anything you want, just apply yourself, overcome, and get it done." It was a heartfelt presentation and was very reflective on the three "W"s of the Order-Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service!

We at Scatacook want to thank The Ference Family for reserving the hall and making the catering arrangements, Nick Wolf for designing the banquet patch, "Social" Vice Chair Seth Barrett for handling the decorations and setup, Steve Rogalski, Chapter Chief for all his dedication and effort to pull this off, Captain Popora for a great keynote, and all those who attended the 2012 Winter Banquet!



2013 CONCLAVE

KEEP THE FIRE BURINING

Do you like to have FUN? Do you like to meet new people? Do you like summer camp? Do you like the Lodge fellowship? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then stop reading, go to your calendar, and mark down that you will be away from June 7-9. Section NE-2A will be hosting their annual conclave at Camp Tri-Mount in East Jewitt, NY. This year's conclave will be hosted by Half Moon Lodge and is only our second ever as a Section. Conclave is basically a Lodge fellowship but six Lodges are invited to come and experience it. During the weekend, you will have the time to meet people from different states who share the same interests as you, experience everything that you would at summer camp in just one weekend, participate in an extraordinary show, and yes, you can even patch trade. The fee is only \$35 and if you are worried about getting there, talk to one of the Lodge leaders as many of them will be going and they could arrange a ride for you. Registration is up on the Lodge, Section and Council websites so do not delay, register today! (www.owaneco.org/register)



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR BY DAN WIVAGG

On the weekend of March 15-17, I attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) for the Northeast Region of the OA. This was an event in my life that I will truly never forget. A day after I attended the seminar, I already started applying the leadership skills that I had learned there. NLS truly teaches the most successful and relevant leadership techniques, which are not only applicable to leadership in Scouting, but also to real life. That being said, these skills are also highly important to any lodge leadership position, and the seminar can be useful to any lodge officer or committee chairman.

If you've attended one or more LLD weekends or are a member of the Lodge Executive Committee, I recommend attending NLS. It will build so much on what you already know in terms of leadership, and you will also have a chance to meet great people from all across the Northeast Region, and even from around the country. If you are unsure about NLS, go! There is only knowledge to be gained from attending. Anyone in a Scouting leadership position (Troop, Chapter, Lodge) and a member of the Order of the Arrow can greatly benefit from NLS. The experiences you have will be useful for the rest of your life!



15TH ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP

Owaneco Lodge 313 is pleased to announce The 15th Anniversary Celebration Fellowship. The event will take place from October 25-27, 2013 at Deer Lake Scout Reservation in Killingworth, Connecticut. Put this event on your calendar now because this is weekend you won't want to miss!

The festivities will kick off on Friday night with an opening and cracker barrel. Saturday begins with a variety of service projects around camp and the opportunity to seal your membership in the Order in the bonds of Brotherhood. In the afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a huge selection of recreational activities. Saturday evening brings the 15th Anniversary banquet and a surprise that you have to attend the Fellowship to find out. We will close the Fellowship on Sunday morning with a closing and rededication ceremony.

Owaneco Lodge 313 is pleased to discounted early pricing, so be sure to register early!:

\$20 Before September 1, 2013,

\$25 September 1 – October 1

\$30 After October 1

\$35 At the Door

If you have any questions, contact co-chairman Andrew McCloskey at amccloskey@owaneco.org, Dan Gallup at gallup@owaneco.org or adviser Mat Buono at buono@owaneco.org.

KEEWAYDEN UPDATE

Keewayden has been a busy chapter lately. We have all of our elections done thanks to some hard work from our Vice Chief of Inductions, Mike Greco and our Chapter Advisor, Tim McCloskey. Thanks to all who participated in elections! At our April chapter meeting will be our orientation meeting for elected candidates and their parents. Also at our chapter meetings we have been working on Photography Merit Badge with Jason Van Leeuwen. Also in April four members of Keewayden Chapter will be going to NLS in Massachusetts. Keewayden is thriving and having lots of fun.



CONGRATULATIONS 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Every year at the Winter Banquet Owaneco Lodge 313 recognizes outstanding Arrowmen, this year we recognized eight Arrowmen and Scouts. The Founders Awards was given to Neil Patrick Harris, and Mr. Will Ference for providing many years of outstanding cheerful service to Owaneco Lodge 313. This James E. West Fellowship award is a donation of \$1,000 to Connecticut Yankee Council's Endowment and is made in the name of an Arrowman or Scout that has had a lasting impact on the Lodge and Scouting. In light of recent events at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the Lodge presented the award to the families of Chase Kowalski, and Benjamin Wheeler, the two Cub Scouts who lost their lives during the tragic shooting. These donations to the Council's Endowment will ensure that a quality Scouting program will be available for many more generations. The Ralph Deer Memorial Service Award was created in honor of past Lodge Adviser Ralph Deer to recognize brothers whose service to Owaneco Lodge honors his memory. This Award was given to two Youth and two Adults. The Recipients were; Robert Brown, Morgan McMahan, Mrs. Carolyn Jagielski, and Mr. Michael Kraus.

PROJECT 2013

There are Exciting Opportunities for Scouts and young adult leaders with National Order of the Arrow Service Projects. The OA is the brotherhood of cheerful service but that service is more than to our local council camps. If you are at least 14 and not yet 21, you can have the time of your life building memories and making friends. This year in addition to the OA High Adventure opportunities brothers are also being recruited for the National Jamboree staff on Project 2013. These programs are still recruiting OA members for activities this summer.

The BSA is recruiting brothers for staff positions. You should check out the opportunities:

- Day of Service OA Guides
- Jamboree Trek OA Guides
- OA Service Corps

The Guides will help to make the jamboree a memorable experience for thousands of scouts and have a great time themselves! They will meet and work with brothers from across the country. Check out the opportunities on the OA's Project 2013 website. You will be glad that you have invested your time in a super experience. Contact amccloskey@owaneco.org about his experience at the 2010 Jamboree.

OA HIGH ADVENTURE IS NOT TO BE MISSED!

Owaneco's own Alexander Jagielski has gone on three of the OA High Adventures and writes: OA High Adventure is a special opportunity to travel to 3 of the BSA's



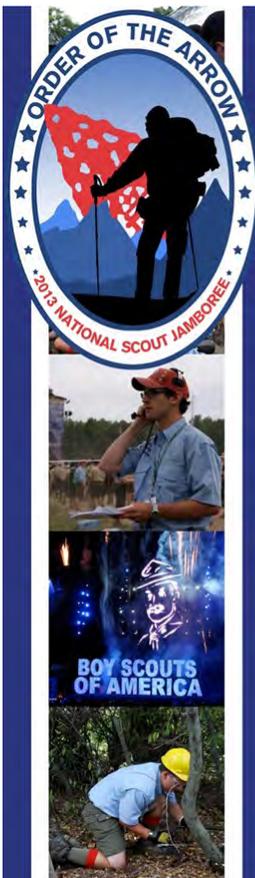
high adventure bases. Philmont is the Trail Crew, Charles Summer Base in Minnesota is the Wilderness Voyage, and the South Florida Key Base is the Ocean Adventure. Each trip is its own wonderful and exciting adventure. Each opportunity forges memories that will last a life time. Each trip I would do in a heart beat once again. You will not find a better adventure in the great outdoors than you will while at any one the OA High Adventure programs. You will meet total strangers yet leave knowing that you have a larger family, and a stronger brotherhood.

On these adventures you will learn what it means to be a brother in the Order of the Arrow. You will help future scouts that will never know your name, but they will know your actions. I have traveled out west and seen the open plains and the clear night's sky. "I have traveled north, and part of me will always be there" and seen the northern lights in the middle of the summer, and I have traveled south, lived on the ocean and felt her breathe into my soul.

These adventures have marked a milestone in my life and have built me to be the man who I am today. I know that one day I will leave this Earth, but I also know that through the OA High Adventure programs I have worked on projects that helped preserve our land. Roads are paved, cities are built, but man cannot create mountains, nor build a wilderness. We can only protect what has been given to us. We need to preserve the land and waters so that they do not fade, that they stay wild, open and free. These lands that I have visited belong to no one, but at the same time they belong to us all. High adventure is out there waiting for you, you just have to want to go and get it.

Scouts and young adult leaders should check the OA's national website for High Adventure. There are still slots available for this year. If you take this opportunity, you will never forget it and your unit will benefit from the new skills and ideas that you bring back next year.

<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>



Join the Project 2013 Corps!

Serve with 700 Arrowmen on the Project 2013 staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

**OA SERVICE CORPS
DAY OF SERVICE GUIDES
JAMBOREE TREK GUIDES**

For more information, visit:
EVENT.OA-BSA.ORG

PROJECT 2013
@ the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

CRACKER BARRELS



SHOWS AND CEREMONIES

Owaneco Lodge 313 Presents:

The  th Anniversary
Celebration
Fellowship

October 25-27, 2013

@ Deer Lake Scout Reservation

Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Come celebrate Owaneco's 15th birthday
with over 300 of your closest friends!

ATHLETIC
COMPETITIONS

Before Sept. 1: Just \$20

Sept. 1- Oct. 1: \$25

Oct. 1- Fellowship: \$30

At the Door: \$35

SERVICE

Register Online: www.owaneco.org/register

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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SURPRISES

AND MUCH,
MUCH MORE!