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APPLY FOR THE OWANECO SCHOLARSHIPS

High Adventure Scholarship

The Owaneco High Adventure scholarship covers most or all of the cost of attending the OA High Adventure program at one of the BSA's high adventure bases for two arrowmen in the summer of 2015. To be eligible for the scholarship, Arrowmen must

- Be a youth member in good standing with Owaneco Lodge and your home unit, and
- Meet the qualifications of the base to which you intend to apply.



Please note that the scholarship will only cover up to \$300 towards the fee for attending the base, and the OA Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base costs \$500. The recipients will also be required to arrange their own transportation to and from the base.

Applications can be found at owaneco.org/forms.

The OA High Adventure program is different from the traditional high adventure experience. Each session begins with a week of meaningful service to the high adventure base, followed by a custom program designed by and tailored to each individual Arrowman. It is a once in a lifetime experience!

Academic Scholarship

The Owaneco Academic scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to two arrowmen pursuing higher education as rising freshmen in the fall of 2015. Eligibility is as follows: Arrowmen must

- Be under the age of 21
- Be entering the first/freshman year at an institution of higher learning
- Be a dues paid member of Owaneco Lodge at the time of application
- Attend at least one Ordeal and one other event in the year of application, and
- Complete an application and submit it before December 15.

Applications can be found on owaneco.org/forms.

The special Scholarship Fund flap, pictured below, will be awarded to both recipients, and is also available for purchase in limited quantity for the year 2014.



**DO NOT FOGET TO
RENEW YOUR DUES &
REGISTER FOR THE
2014 WINTER BANQUET AT
WWW.OWANECO.ORG/REGISTER**

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CHIEFLY THOUGHTS

Dear brothers,

The year is drawing into a close, which means we are closer than ever to our centennial year. This is a huge time of celebration for the Order, and I encourage you all to strengthen the ties of brotherhood in this and the coming year as we look back on our past and prepare for the future.

I think you will find it hard not to be involved in the coming months; 2015 has a lot in store, from ArrowTour to our centennial Conclave, to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Additionally, we all have the opportunity to earn the Arrowman Service Award, which is something to be incredibly proud of. The possibilities are endless, and I hope you are all as excited about next year as I am!

That being said, it is still important to finish the last month of 2014 strong—and this means being more involved and *preserving the tradition of cheerful service*. Think not only about what Owaneco and the OA will give to you, but also how you can change the lodge during your time here, and resolve to make that impact, no matter how small or large.

Whether it be serving as a Troop Representative, or participating in a chapter event, or guiding an Ordeal member to Brotherhood, everyone can contribute in some way.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at the Winter Banquet, and best wishes for the holiday season.

Yours in WWW,



Daniel Wivagg
Lodge Chief



CALENDAR

Winter Banquet	January 4, 2015 Costa Azura Restaurant
Section NE-2A Project LEAP	January 25, 2015 Location TBD
Section NE-2A AIA/ICE Summit	April 11, 2015 J.N. Webster Scout Reservation
May Ordeal	May 8-10, 2015 Deer Lake Scout Reservation

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The Fall Fellowship in Review

This year's Fall Fellowship was a great time had by all. Despite the full weekend of rain, brothers of the lodge were still able to give hours of service back to Deer Lake. Even in the face of the weather, chapters competed in the Owaneco Lodge Halloween Scavenger Hunt on Friday night. It was an exciting race around camp to see who could follow the clues the best, and take home the most candy.

On top of the candy hunt, brothers also had the opportunity to participate in a banana eating contest and a pumpkin carving contest, both of which were a blast! Also, throughout Saturday afternoon, scouts had a very intense game of dodgeball...in the rain! For those scouts who preferred not to freeze outside, indoor games, board games, and movies were enjoyed inside the (heated) dining hall. A few of the games played indoors included a very involved game of cups, and a dizzying game of musical chairs.

Overall, our lodge had a great fellowship, and many friendships were made while old ones were rekindled over the course of the rainy weekend.

The 2014 Winter Banquet

This year's winter banquet will be held on the first Sunday of 2015, at Costa Azzurra Restaurant in Milford. On January 4, from 6:30 to about 10:00, brothers new and old will gather to enjoy great food, good fellowship, and reflect on some wonderful memories from the year past.

Our distinguished speaker this year will be Alan Kalter, from the Late Night Show with David Letterman. Mr. Kalter lives in Stamford, CT and has done hundreds of voice-overs and appeared on many television shows since as early as the 1980s.

Additionally, Owaneco's Awards Committee will be awarding the Ralph Deer Memorial Service Award, the James E. West Fellowship, and the Founders Award to recognize exceptional Arrowmen from our lodge.



September Ordeal Recap

The September Ordeal, held at Camp Pomperaug, saw the induction of 36 new Ordeal members and 3 new Brotherhood members. In total, 106 members journeyed up to Union, CT to visit the beautiful camp and enjoy fellowship and service.

Despite rainy weather, ceremonies were conducted with a spectacular bonfire at the ceremonial ring, and afterwards, new members competed against Dan Wivagg in a game of "Are You Smarter than a Lodge Chief?" The 'futuristic ordeal' themed weekend was enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to the Ordeal Master for the weekend, Kenny Wright, our Events chairman John Markowski, Head Chef Mr. Roger Poggio, and our Elangomats: David Meyers, Angus Foden, John Scapecchia, Mr. Gordon Beach, and Mr. Ken Korin!

LLD Recap

Owaneco held a joint Lodge Leadership Development weekend this year together with members of Pocumtuc lodge from Western Massachusetts. Brothers from both lodges were able to mingle and enjoy fellowship at Camp Sequassen, as well as gaining some valuable training skills and setting goals to better their respective lodges.

Because members from separate lodges as well as leaders from the section were present, attendees enjoyed a fuller training experience with a broader scope than what is traditionally encompassed within the LLD. By pooling resources, our lodges created more opportunities for training and learning. Participants could choose between two tracks; leadership, for leaders in the OA at any level, and program, for newer members, or those who work extensively in organizing events and programs for arrowmen.

Aside from training, everyone enjoyed movies, a competitive game of Ultimate Frisbee, and great food despite the frigidly cold weather.

Featured Committee: Shows

Are you awesome at video editing? Do you love acting? If so, the Shows committee is perfect for you! We do many fun shows, like Family Feud, Deal or No Deal, and then we do actual films, with scripts and actors! The Shows Committee is perfect for letting go and showing your dramatic side on camera.

Owaneco is known for our shows among other lodges, and this year we plan to do another one of our well loved videos. You might get

to see yourself on the big screen at one of the Ordeals, or any other Owaneco event! Contact Shows Chairman Kenny Wright at wright@owaneco.org to get involved.



Nick Wolf as Professor Dumbledore in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Arrow."

Vigil Honor Nominations

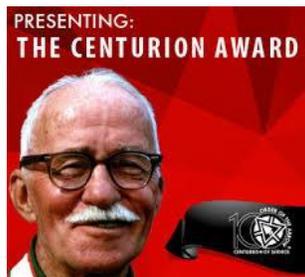
The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition "reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, Scout Camp." (Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers)

Anyone may submit nominations for the Vigil Honor, provided that the nominee has attained Brotherhood membership prior to December 2012. Visit owaneco.org/forms to submit a nomination for the 2015 Vigil class.



The Centurion Award

The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.



This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the OA that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. Owaneco Lodge will have the opportunity to recognize a maximum of 9 of our "hometown heroes" over the past 70+ years. Nominations can be made for individuals for both youth and/or adult service.

For more information, and to find a nomination form, visit owaneco.org/forms. Nominations will be reviewed by the lodge Key-3. Please note that all nominations are due by December 31, 2014, and that no late nominations will be accepted.

Quinnipiac Dance Team Update

Hau Kola, (Hello Friend)

Great News! The Dance Team wants you to know that they are about to establish a satellite meeting location in order to accommodate those Brothers that live to the west of the Housatonic River.

For some time now many potential new Team members have had to decline joining because of the distance to the current meeting place in Hamden. With the establishment of this alternative location it is hoped that this will be attractive to those that live in those towns west of the River. The meetings would still be on Sunday's, most likely in the evenings but this could change to Sunday afternoons if that is desired. Stay tuned and we will let you know when the meetings actually start.

Joining the Dance Team is a Great Way to serve your Lodge. We teach modern Pow Wow culture and the history behind it. We take what we learn on the road and perform for cub packs, blue and golds, Eagle ceremonies, library associations, etc. The OA is based on Indian legends. What better way to understand Native Culture than to participate in their song and dance?

Speaking of performances, do you know of any group that would like the special entertainment that we can provide? We are still taking dance requests although the slots are filling fast. Have the group get hold of us. To do that, call our "bookie" – John Quimby at 1-203-494-7762.

What is a pow wow? Want to see what one is like? On Saturday December 13 there is a great dance in Torrington, CT at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, 116 Grove St. It is being run by the dance team in Connecticut Rivers Council. They do a good job. It is open to the public and is free. Check it out!

Finally, Indian dancing not your thing? That's OK, but get involved with the Lodge. The OA offers a whole new aspect of scouting that you will miss unless you stay involved!



THE ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD

The Arrowman Service Award can be earned by youth and adults during the 100th anniversary year of the Order of the Arrow. This award will be one of the only awards which can be worn as a patch on the OA sash, but it can only be earned from now until December 31, 2015. As you complete the requirements, ask a n adviser or officer to initial in the space provided. Hand the completed form to Lodge Adviser Mr. Gallup.

Name: _____

Lodge Adviser Approval: _____

Lodge: _____

Council: _____

Date: _____



YOUTH REQUIREMENTS

1. Registered in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge.
2. Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (**bold denotes required items**):

Personal Growth (two total)

- Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)**
- Be an Eagle Scout, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Silver/Summit award recipient; or advance one Boy Scout or Sea Scout rank or Venturing award level
- Participate in or staff a BSA youth leadership training course
- Earn a STEM Nova or Hornaday award
- Participate in an OA High Adventure program or attend a BSA High Adventure base with your unit.

Scout Service (two total)

- Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g., "in uniform") service benefitting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands**
- Serve as a chapter or lodge officer or chairman for a minimum of six months
- Participate as a ceremonial principle in a Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil ceremony
- Serve on staff of a council camp or national BSA High Adventure base
- Serve in a troop leadership position for a minimum of six months

100th Anniversary Events (two total)

- Contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100 OR contribute to your lodge's centennial history book**
- Attend your section's 100th anniversary conclave
- Attend you lodge's sponsored 100th anniversary event
- Attend an ArrowTour event
- Attend the 2015 NOAC

ADULT REQUIREMENTS

1. Registered in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge.
2. Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (**bold denotes required items**):

Personal Growth (two total)

- Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)**
- Participate in or staff a BSA training course
- Attend a council long-term camp or BSA high adventure program as a unit leader or crew adviser
- Recruit a new or currently inactive Scouter to serve actively as a registered BSA volunteer

Scout Service (two total)

- Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g., "in uniform") service benefitting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands**
- Serve on staff of a council camp or National BSA High Adventure base
- Support a youth chapter/lodge officer or chairman in an adviser or associate adviser capacity for a minimum of six months
- Serve as an active Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturing unit volunteer (including Unit Committee) for a minimum of six months
- Provide a campership for at least 2 Scouts or Venturers to attend a council summer camp or BSA High Adventure program

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