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**A**s our lodge's fifth year continues, it is amazing how great Owaneco Lodge has become. I invite each of you to take part in this success and join me and the entire executive committee in continuing to make this the best year in Owaneco to date.

Last October, we had a record attendance at the LLDC. Now more of our brothers will be able to lead this lodge when my generation of leaders moves on. Also, last year's Fall Fellowship was our best ever, as we honored the great films of Mel Brooks. We even obtained Honor Lodge for the first time in Owaneco History.

But let us not let this past year be one of a kind. We must work hard every year, so that Honor Lodge is never a difficult goal to obtain, but one

that we can earn with ease. Because of this, I ask you, my fellow Arrowmen, to continue your service to the Order and help the Lodge obtain Honor status again.

So many opportunities exist for you to become involved. Join one of the Lodge's sixteen operating committees, become involved in planning for lodge and chapter events, or simply voice your opinion at a chapter meeting. Each and every member of the lodge is invited to attend the lodge's Executive Committee Meetings and find an opportunity to help out. Also please consider volunteering to help the lodge run the 2003

Section NE-2C Conclave, or just come to have a fun time. If you and 99 Owaneco members attend the Conclave this September, you will help to make this

weekend a success.

You have four opportunities to continue in the tradition of cheerful service over the upcoming year, and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you. If you are a new member, remember good food and good talk are only some of the perks of attending. Please see the article below on the Section Conclave and register today!

I look forward to seeing all of you during the upcoming year. Until then, remember "For He Who Serves His Fellows Is, Of All His Fellows, Greatest."

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Robert Kravecs, III  
Lodge Chief

## LODGE IS HONORED

**O**waneco Lodge #313 is pleased to announce that it will be the host lodge of this year's NE-2C Section Conclave at Camp Sequassen on September 5-7. Come and join the fun as we present this year's theme, "Lights, Camera, CONCLAVE!"

The Conclave Planning Committee has been working

diligently since November to make this year's Conclave a memorable one. Highlights of the weekend will include a dunk tank, an Indian Pow-Wow, and the Saturday Night Show. This year's show is promising to be the greatest ever, with a special appearance by our own "David Arrowman" along with a live band!

But we need your help to make this event better than it already is. All we ask is that you attend. If 100 Owaneco members are present at the Conclave, the weekend will be unforgettable.

So come on! Don't miss out on an exciting chance to further your understanding of the WWW through this Conclave.

## Indian Summer 2003

This summer, Native American Activity and ceremony enthusiasts will gather for the 2003 Indian Summer Conference to be held at Ridgecrest Lifeway Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. Owaneco Lodge will have a contingent in attendance as well as members on staff. There are still a few slots open in the Lodge contingent. Anybody who is interested in attending should call Dr. Bob Kravecs at (203)-459-0939, or e-mail him at [drbob@owaneco.org](mailto:drbob@owaneco.org) as soon as possible.

# New Committees

## Awards Committee Looking For YOUR Input!!

The Awards and Recognition Committee was officially formed at this past Winter Banquet. However, for this committee to work properly, we need the help of you, the arrowmen. In addition to arranging for National awards, the committee is looking into creating In-Lodge awards that would go to deserving arrowmen. We need more committee members to help create and implement these awards. If you are interested in joining the committee or have an idea, please contact Chairman Brian Golrick at:

[Golrick@owaneco.org](mailto:Golrick@owaneco.org).

## The Cheerful Service of ScoutReach

Would you like to make a difference in a Scout's life? Would you like to be a role model? OR are you just really bored and want something meaningful to do? Why not consider becoming an OA ScoutReach Mentor?

By signing up to be an OA ScoutReach Mentor you will have an opportunity to work with troops in the Scoutreach district to give them a better scouting experience and even help out the lodge as well.

Our goals are:


- To act as a positive role model in the midst of dramatic social, political, economical, and demographic forces affecting urban and rural communities.
- To increase advancement and camping opportunities for Scouts in Urban troops.
- To provide additional, positive youth and adult roles in disadvantaged troops.
- AND to create an opportunity for more urban and rural scouts to become eligible for the Order of the Arrow.

You will be working directly with the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster for the designated Pack or Troop. You will NOT be taking the troop over. For any additional information on the program or about the recognition award please call: Jonathan Walsh at 876-6868 ext. 505 (work) or 878-6130 (home).

**AND YES THERE IS A RECOGNITION PATCH!!!**

## YOUR OWANECO LODGE LEADERS

Lodge Chief	Bob Kravecs
Vice Chief—Chapters	Michael Katona
Vice Chief—Program	Jeremy Meurice
Vice Chief—Inductions	Tyler White
Lodge Treasurer	Tom Gordon
Lodge Secretary	Sean Murphy
Lodge Advisor	Mr. Ralph Deer



*“Test yourselves, and so discover that a cheerful heart is lively as this bow-wood, under hardship.”*




### Lodge Work Day at Hoyt Scout Reservation

*Come join your Brothers for a day of cheerful service to our Ct. Yankee Council.*

*Date: Saturday, April 19  
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.*

*Bring work gloves!!*

*Lunch will be provided.*



*“Awake my friends, you now are starting on a long and toilsome journey...”*



# JOIN THE CEREMONIES TEAM

The Owaneco Ceremonial Committee is one of the most active and spirited communities in the Lodge. We are searching for new members. If you choose to become a member of this committee, you would be added to a close circle of people who value friendship more information contact Kevin Sylvester at [Sylvester@owaneco.org](mailto:Sylvester@owaneco.org)

at 1:00 at St. Peter's Church on 71 River St., Milford. For more information contact Kevin Sylvester at [Sylvester@owaneco.org](mailto:Sylvester@owaneco.org)



The patch auction at the Winter Banquet

## The 2002 Winter Banquet

This past year's Lodge Winter Banquet was held on December 27, 2002 at Liedle's Restaurant in Stratford. We had 130 Brothers in attendance. Throughout the evening, everyone enjoyed food and some holiday spirit, as Santa Claus himself made an appearance (along with a rather tall bearded elf...but he had the pointy shoes, so that was fine). A silent patch and goods auction went on throughout the evening, and it helped to strengthen the lodge's budget. After the dinner, a lodge meeting was held, and the promotional video for the 2003 NE-2C Conclave was premiered. Thanks to Rob Anstett, our Events Chairman, for meticulously crafting such an enjoyable and promising video. Let's hope that the other lodges in the section share the same excitement!

Once all the "fun stuff" was over, it was time to present the following awards:

- James E. West Award: Michael Card, Mr. Robert Cloutier
- Founders' Award: Mr. Ralph Deer, Robert Kravecs III

Several Brothers also received the Arrowman Service Award: included among the recipients were: Robert Anstett, David Applegate, Mr. Mark Clark, Dr. Bob Kravecs, Andrew Simon, Tyler White, and Ed Wolf.

Thanks to all who attended for making this a memorable night in the lodge's history. To all those who were unable to attend, mark your calendars for this year's Banquet on Monday, December 29. Don't miss out!!!

## BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION 2003

- Attention Ordeal Members -  
It is time for you to officially seal your membership in the Order by completing your Brotherhood Quest. If it has been at least 10 months since your Ordeal, you are invited to complete this process. If you are eligible you will find the date of your Ordeal on your address label, along with a Sprit of the Arrow Booklet in your mailing. Please check "Yes" on the Ordeal weekend Registration form to indicate that you will be taking the Brotherhood, and attach a check for \$25. This includes your weekend registration fee and the cost of the Brotherhood sash. There will be a Brotherhood Quest form for you to fill out at Friday night registration for the Ordeal. Help us to once again achieve our goal of Honor Lodge. in 2003!



*Let Brotherhood,*

*Like The Bowstring,*

*Bind Us Each To*

*Every Other,*

*Closer When The Bow*

*Is Tested.*



## OWANECO LODGE CALENDAR

### Executive Committee Meetings

Location: Milford Scout Office  
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

### Upcoming ECM Dates:

- April 21, 2003
- May 19, 2003
- June, 2003—TBA
- August 18, 2003

### Upcoming Events

- Spring Ordeals
  - May 2-4, 2003 at Deer Lake
  - June 6-8 at Camp Sequassen
- NE-2C Section Conclave
  - September 5-7 at Sequassen
- Fall Ordeal
  - September 19-21
- Fall Fellowship - October 24-26

## CHAPTER/COMMITTEE NEWS



*Having a great time!*

### Achewon

Achewon Chapter now has an e-group! All Arrowmen from the chapter are invited to sign up.

If you can't make it to all the meetings, this is an excellent way to still keep up with Chapter business and have your voice heard. Troop Representatives, Scoutmasters, and SPLs are especially encouraged to join.

If you have a Yahoo! ID, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Achewon> to sign up as a member, or create your own ID. This enables you to access our archives for links, files, and pictures. Or simply send an e-mail to [Achewon-scribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Achewon-scribe@yahoogroups.com) to begin receiving messages.

With your help we can improve communication within our chapter and keep you better informed on upcoming activities. Send any questions to [schwink@owaneco.org](mailto:schwink@owaneco.org) or [Sylvester@owaneco.org](mailto:Sylvester@owaneco.org).

### Chief Pomperaug

The Chief Pomperaug chapter will be hosting the Pomperaug District Spring Camporee in May. The theme will be Scouting Skills: Back to Basics. This is looking to be a fun weekend, but we need your help to make it possible. If you're a member of Chief Pomperaug and wish to help them run this important event, please e-mail Chapter Chief Tom Early at [early@owaneco.org](mailto:early@owaneco.org) as soon as possible.

### Ceremonies

On April 26-27, 2003, the Ceremonies Team will be having a weekend at Camp Sequassen. Brotherhood Conversion will be offered on Saturday afternoon. Brotherhood candidates are encouraged to arrive at 9 a.m. with work gloves. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$12 for the sash. Brotherhood candidates and all lodge members are invited to join us. Please meet in the camp parking lot by 8:30 a.m.

E-mail Committee Chairman Kevin Sylvester at: [sylvester@owaneco.org](mailto:sylvester@owaneco.org) If you plan on attending so they can plan for food.



***“Catch The Higher Vision In The Order Of The Arrow.”***



## PICTURES FROM THE WINTER BANQUET



*Recipients of the James. E West Award: (l to r): Robert Cloutier and Michael Card.*



*Lodge Chief Robert Kravecs poses with Santa Claus and his favorite elf.*

*Presentation of the Arrowman Service Award*



*Over 130 brothers enjoyed food and fun*