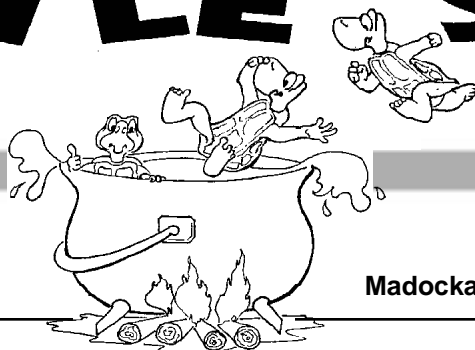


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Arrowman Service Award Available to Members

By Adrian Caron, Lodge Chief _____

The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow recently announced a new award available to all active members of the Order. The Arrowman Service Award, as it is called, sets criteria for each member to shoot for in service to their units, chapters and to the lodge. The goal of the award is increased service to the Boy Scouts by Arrowman, and to reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights. The award will focus on three areas of service: **Personal, Chapter/Lodge activities, and general service to the community.**

The timeline of the award will begin on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. All first time recipients may purchase the

original award (*the white ribbon with the gold compass, as pictured below, left*). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having

completed this award a second time (2002 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. Signatures of approval from either the Arrowman's Scoutmaster, Lodge Chief, or Lodge Adviser will be required for all steps in this process. All awards will have to be ordered through the lodge on a special order form that the lodge will receive at Recharter time. Members will also receive a wallet size certificate with each award. Requirements for the award include

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Conclave 2001 set for Vermont!

By Joshua Gagnon, Section NE-1A Chief _____




"Over Great Distances, Brothers will Gather" As you may or may not know, this year's Section NE-1A Conclave will be held at Norris Scout Reservation in beautiful North Eden, VT. If you do your research, you will realize that this is about a 4-hour drive for most of us here in Madockawanda Lodge. So now you are asking yourself, why do I want to drive 4 hours to attend the Conclave this year? To start off with, the second you arrive at camp you will be ushered in to put your gear in your sites, and then directed to the Friday night cracker-barrel and drive-in movie. But Saturday is when all the fun is going to begin. In the morning, you will be attending training cells. Now, I know this might not sound too exciting, but you have never experienced or seen training *See Conclave, page 3*



One of the principles of the Order is to provide Leadership and Training opportunities to older Scouts as they advance in rank, and provide an inspiration for service throughout life. 



Many youth who have served as lodge officers have stated that their experiences with OA membership and service have helped them as they move forward in their life. Watch for future articles from past lodge chiefs and advisers. 

The Benefits of Leadership & Service

by *Matthew Dubois, Immediate Past Lodge Chief*

When you decide to become a leader, why do you do it? For most everyone, it is because we think that we can make a difference, make the organization just a little bit better than it was before. Clearly, the benefit to the organization is the primary reason we become leaders.

What most leaders, or potential leaders, do not realize is that there are other benefits as well. You will benefit from becoming a leader. You will change and you will grow. You will do things that you never thought you could do before.


When I was elected Lodge Chief in 1998 I had a lot of ideas that I wanted to implement into the lodge program. I wanted to enhance this lodge so that no scout or leader would have a reason NOT to want to be a member. What I didn't realize two years ago is that the things I had to do to promote and lead the lodge in the successes it has had would also be the things that would teach me the skills to succeed in other arenas.

Leadership in the Order has made me into a decent public speaker. When I began my terms I had no idea that I could stand before 2,000+ scouts at the Council Camporee and *calmly* talk about the Order.

Leadership in the Order allowed me to develop problem solving skills. Almost every week during my two years in office I would meet a new person who would have a new problem that they needed help with, whether it was concerning ordeals, elections, or general lodge business. Sure, I didn't solve every problem, or meet every goal, but we as a Lodge achieved quite a few, many of which I am proud to have been a part of as Lodge Chief and as a member of the OA.

So now, as you read this article, I am in Washington DC working on the staff of Congressman Tom Allen, a member of the US House of Representatives from our great State of Maine. I was selected from many qualified students for this position and internship, and much of this had to do with my role in the Lodge. I firmly believe that my success in acquiring this position is due to the leadership skills that I learned while serving as Lodge Chief.

When you become a leader in this Order, do the best you can. Whether you lead the lodge, your chapter, or a committee, always work your hardest. Just being a member of the Lodge, serving in the Order, and taking what you have learned back to your troops demonstrates your dedication to leadership and service. In the process you will learn the skills that will lead you to success in life. That is what I did. That is why I am where I am today.

I highly encourage you to become a part of your chapter and lodge activities, and strive for the service that will come in handy for you later in life. 

OPC Designed to Set Goals for Ordeal Season

by *Chris Willey, Lodge Secretary*


The lodge's annual Ordeal Planning Conference (OPC) will be held on March 24, 2001 at 9:00 AM in the office of the Carpenter's Pension Fund in Auburn, Maine! As always, attendees from the lodge committees will arrive at the meeting with numerous ideas and plans that will become the structure for yet another season of incredible ordeals. With the collaboration of John Ritter, Service chair, and Ross London, Elangomat chair, the Ordeals will prove to be one of the most productive and fun weekends yet. In addition to structuring how to handle about 50 ordeal candidates, the OPC also allows us to plan the weekend activities for the Brotherhood. With service projects to prepare, ceremony work, Nimat hike, friendship and fellowship, the OPC remains one of the most important lodge functions. Most ordeal weekends cater to over 120 candidates, brothers, and staff, so planning is of the essence. The upcoming ordeal season will soon become the best yet, with a lot of support from officers and chairmen, advisors and camp staff. Meaningful and lasting projects will give candidates a sense of pride in their induction to the Order. We encourage all brothers to attend....see you on the 24th!





The Section Conclave, hosted by Ajapeu Lodge of Vermont, will be held at Norris Scout Reservation in Eden, Vermont. Did you know that Ajapeu Lodge was formed in 1972 when the entire State of Vermont was made into one council!

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cells like this. We have programs ranging from OA Alphabet Soup (a cell on the lingo of our Order), to an American Indian Events Extravaganza (everything for ceremonial work and regalia, to traditional dance), and finally, my favorite, How to Pick Up Chicks In A Boy Scout Uniform (you'll have to come find out for yourself)! After a hearty lunch, you will be directed to the main field for the start of the Section NE-1A Games. There will be a range of competitions including; ceremonies and dance, Ultimate Frisbee, and Volleyball. But what conclave would be complete without the annual pinewood derby and 2nd Annual Healey Cup Race? For those of you who would like to participate in some recreational activities, the waterfront, shotgun, rifle, and archery ranges will be open. I would also take the time to participate in the caber toss too! Closing out the conclave will be the return of the Saturday night theme show. Now I can't tell you what it is about, but I will promise you it'll be a show you will not want to miss. Sunday morning also hosts the Section Annual Meeting and election of officers. So mark this on your calendars June 8-10, and watch for the special registration flyer coming later this month. You won't want to miss this! 

Lodge to Host Section Conclave in 2002

_____ by Chris Willey, Lodge Secretary

Due to the recent merger of two of Section NE-1A Lodges into other lodges in our Section, most notably involving Wannalancit Lodge, the schedule for each council to host a Conclave has been moved up. Originally scheduled for our 60th Anniversary year in 2004, we have now been advised by the Section that Madockawanda Lodge will next host the Section Conclave in 2002. Yes, that is next year!



Madockawanda Lodge last hosted the Section Conclave in 1994 at Camp Hinds as part of the lodge's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Our lodge hosted its first Conclave in 1956, also at Camp Hinds.

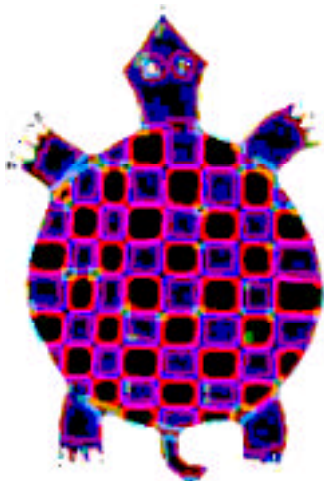
Lodge Chief Adrian Caron has placed this item on the agenda for the Lodge Executive Committee meetings for the remainder of 2001, and the LEC has contemplated the creation of a special sub-committee which will begin meeting later this Spring, after the season's ordeal weekends are complete, to begin the planning of the host lodge responsibilities. Planning for this great event as the "service lodge", as it is known in section lingo, will take a great deal of time and effort on the part of our membership. Here is a great opportunity for you to live the call of service!

If any members, both youth and adult, are interested in serving on this committee, we encourage you to contact Adrian Caron and Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden. Their address, phone numbers, and contact information is listed on the back cover of *The Soup*.

Members Recognized for Service!

Despite weather which postponed the Council Annual meeting from December to February, a series of Lodge members were bestowed the Silver Beaver Award in recognition of their outstanding service to Scouting. Honorees for the 2001 Scouting year included Bill Vogt of Kennebec Valley Chapter, Tom Morris, Gerry Stark and Carl Gagnon of Abnaki Chapter, and "Dr. Don" Burgess of York Chapter. All of these Scouters have served in many roles and responsibilities in Scouting, and have played a role in many different Lodge, Chapter and unit functions.

Over and above these presentations, the lodge would also like to congratulate long time member and current Associate Adviser for Programs Larry Ritter for his recent service as Council Commissioner, and recognize Bill Coffin as he has graciously agreed to fill this most worthy Council Executive Committee duty. Both men have served illustrious "careers" in Scouting and the Order, and are to be truly commended for their dedication.



Dear Brothers,

From the Chief

**The Year
moves
toward
Service**



The year is now in full swing with much going on! It is now election season. Chapters are diligently working on contacting all troops that wish to have an election scheduled. I encourage each brother to help their chapter with the task of unit visitation. It is also that time to plan for the upcoming ordeal season. The lodge will hold the annual Ordeal Planning Conference on March 24th to brainstorm ideas to improve our ordeals, and to plan the logistics of these three great weekends of service. Also coming up is our Section Conclave. Conclave is a fellowship weekend for the eight lodges in Section NE-1A filled with training, lodge competition, a patch auction, and a great show. This year it will be held June 8-10 at Camp Norris in Eden, Vermont. Please be on the look out for the sign up mailer and consider attending. You can even use this as part of your requirements for the Arrowman Service Award! It will be a great time! Before Conclave is the Scout Show that will be held on May 19th at the Windsor Fair Grounds. The Lodge is busy planning some great events for this. Each chapter is responsible for some aspect of what the lodge will do, so please get involved by going to your chapter meeting or contacting your chapter chief or adviser and find out what you can do to help. The year is off to a great start, with plenty of things going on! So get out there, get active, and get involved!

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle

Adrian Caron ,
Lodge Chief



Special awards are not a new concept to the Lodge or the Order. In 1990, the National office of the Order sponsored a 75th anniversary award, which included a turtle suspended from the universal arrow ribbon. During 1994, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the lodge, we sponsored an anniversary service award and special trader patch. Often, the main purpose of these awards is to recognize brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

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completing all of the items in the personal category below:

1. Remain Active in your unit through at least 75% meeting attendance.
2. Help an Ordeal member attain brotherhood;
3. Mentor a scout (or, if an adult, another Scouter) in your unit;
4. Rededicate yourself to the principles of the Order of the Arrow through discussions with a lodge officer or adviser.

You will also need to complete any three of the following chapter/lodge activities:

1. Participate on a lodge camping promotion or unit election team;
2. Attend and serve in a leadership capacity at two lodge functions;
3. Serve as a chapter or lodge officer or as the Chairman of a lodge operating committee;
4. Attend a Section Conclave, National Leadership Seminar, or National Conference;
5. Serve as a trainer in an Order of the Arrow Training event.

And complete one of the following:

1. Participate in a council, chapter, or lodge service project;
2. Serve as an elangomat at an Ordeal.

Remember, all the requirements have to be completed in the same calendar year, and the lodge executive committee will review all forms for completion and the appropriate signatures. The award and certification of your criteria has to be submitted through the lodge, since all awards will be ordered at the same time. We've included a copy of the criteria form for your use. Good Luck!





Being an Adviser in the Order

By Wayne Holden, Lodge Adviser

November marked the beginning of a very interesting ride as I was given the opportunity to serve Madockawanda Lodge as the new Lodge Adviser. In this very short time, I have had the privilege to work with the outgoing officers for a brief time in 2000. The amount of work and dedication that they gave to us, Council, Scouting and to the Order was utterly amazing. November is the re-chartering time for lodges throughout the country and a Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting for our Section. At this time in various meetings I heard several other Lodge Advisers from throughout our Section remarking on how they had to work to complete the charter and make sure that their officers got everything accomplished on time. It gave me a feeling of pride and I felt fantastic since I realized how much Madockawanda Lodge Officers do, because at that very same COC meeting I was handed the completed Lodge re-charter to review and sign. It was all done! The incoming officers have been just as diligent and great to work with, noting that Adrian, our Chief, has successfully edited the 2001 Lodge Planbook (nice job, Adrian!). As Adviser, I get to listen to much that is going on. The biggest test is this year's unit elections, as I write this I hope that everyone will get their election results in on time. I look forward to the rest of the year with great expectations and many hopes. I continue to feel comfortable, yet like a rookie! Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, and comments about anything and everything that you encounter. Remember that as a group we are those that help to create memories and help other build dreams.



By answering the call to serve as Lodge Adviser, Wayne Holden becomes only the second person in Madockawanda Lodge history to serve both as a lodge officer and later as lodge adviser. The other person to complete this "double" is Paul Conley, who served as lodge chief from 1979 to 1981, and as lodge adviser from 1986 to 1990.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Serve your Chapter and your Lodge by attending your Chapter Meetings!

Casco Bay

Elections in Full Swing!

The Casco Bay Chapter is in the midst of another election season, and with our election teams all set, we are expecting a great outcome this year. We have also started the planning of the 2001 Annual Lodge Banquet, and where in the great Casco Bay Chapter it will be held! On February 10th, our chapter again helped out with the Klondike Derby, manning stations and distributing warm beverages and food. Our chili received awesome comments from everyone!

-Mike Price

Abnaki

The Tradition Continues!

Abnaki's dedication to local Cub Scout Packs continued in 2001 with a great webelos crossover ceremony during February at Pack 154 in Auburn, and more scheduled for the Spring. Election season is in full swing, and we hope for a great turnout at all Troop presentations. The chapter has begun planning for its role at the Odyssey 2001 lodge site.

-Adam Tanguay

K-Valley

Busy Time in "The Valley"

We have over 12 elections in the works and ready to go, and in April, our chapter will be working with the Augusta Habitat for Humanity Program. We also plan on helping with the District Pinewood Derby.

The Chapter looks forward to working at Odyssey 2001 and hope to see many of our lodge brothers there!

-Dan Viens

Changes in the Lodge....

Please Note the following Changes, Corrections, and Additions to your lodge officer and adviser listings....

Arthur Price, Casco Bay Chapter Adviser....his telephone number was listed incorrectly in our last issue.

Please Welcome **Evan Bonney** as our new **Brotherhood Chairman**. he can be reached via email.... lacrosse271@yahoo.com



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OA Troop Rep Position... Keep it in Mind!

As your troop leaders plan for the new Boy Scouts who cross-over this time of year, many of the older scouts are certainly looking for positions of leadership to help them advance in rank and learn valuable leadership skills. Talk to your PLC and your Scoutmaster about adding an OA Troop Representative Position to your youth positions of leadership in your unit. This person will get a chance to work with the Lodge on various projects, and will be kept on the "cutting edge" of Order of the Arrow policy, and Lodge activities. If you are interested in this position, please contact OA Troop Rep chairman, John Lascko by email a_lascko@yahoo.com



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Calendar

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| Mar 24 | Ordeal Planning Conference
Carpenters Fund Office Auburn 9:00 AM |
| Mar 30-Apr 1 | National Leadership Seminar
Camp Alpine, NJ |
| Apr 30 | Unit Election Season Ends |
| May 10 | Deadline for Unit Election Forms To
Lodge Adviser |
| May 19 | Pine Tree Council Scout Show
Windsor Fair Grounds, Windsor, ME |
| June 1 -3 | Ordeal Weekend /LEC - Camp Hinds |
| June 15-17 | Ordeal Weekend - Camp Bomazeen |

Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.

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